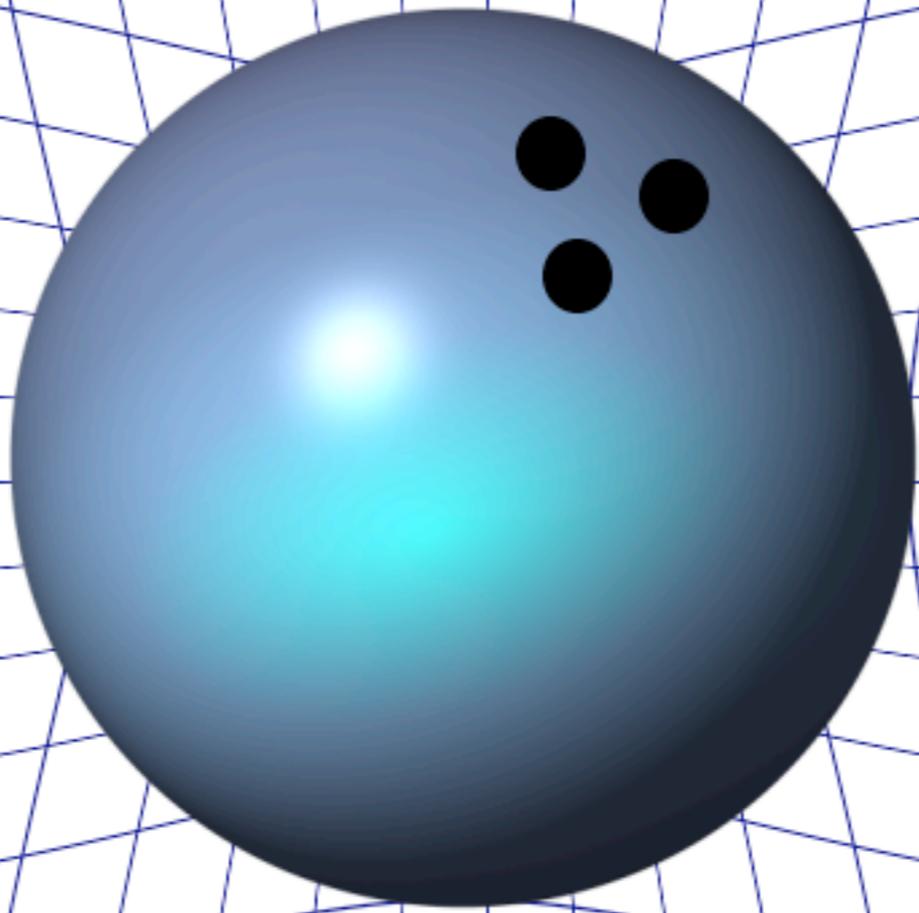


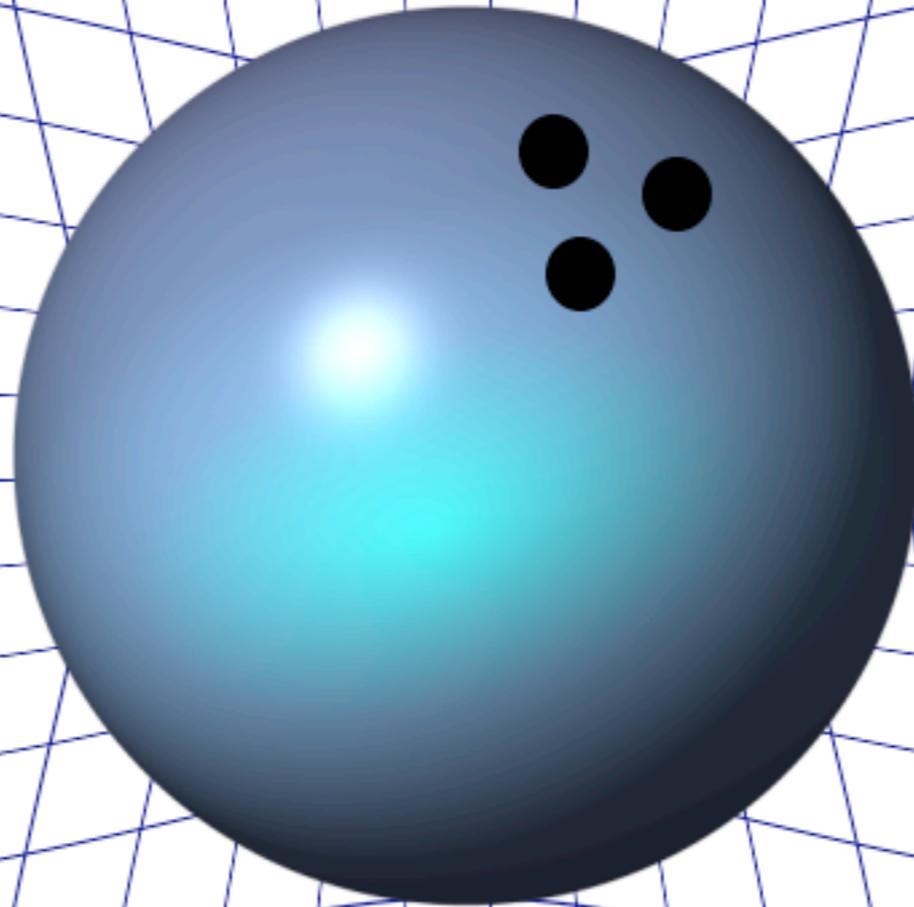
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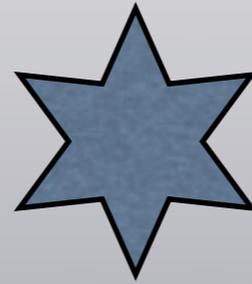
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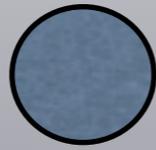
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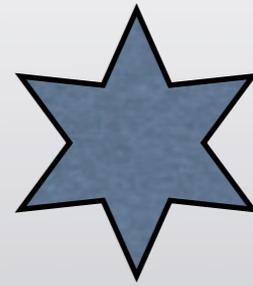
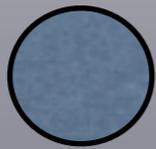
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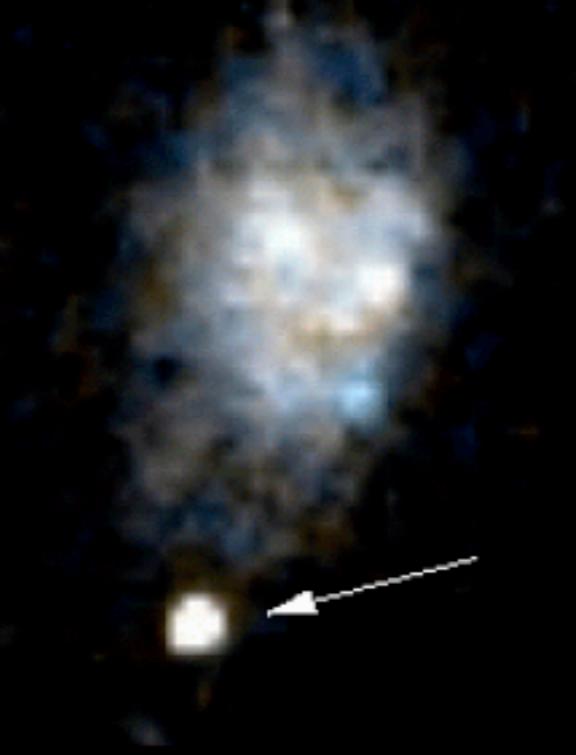
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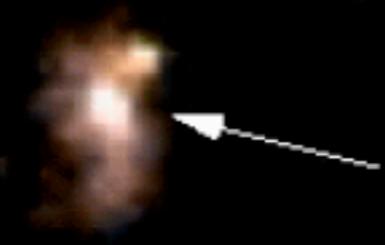
SN 1998M $z=0.63$

SN 1998J $z=0.83$



SN 1997cj $z=0.50$

SN 1998I $z=0.89$



Miknaitis' talk!

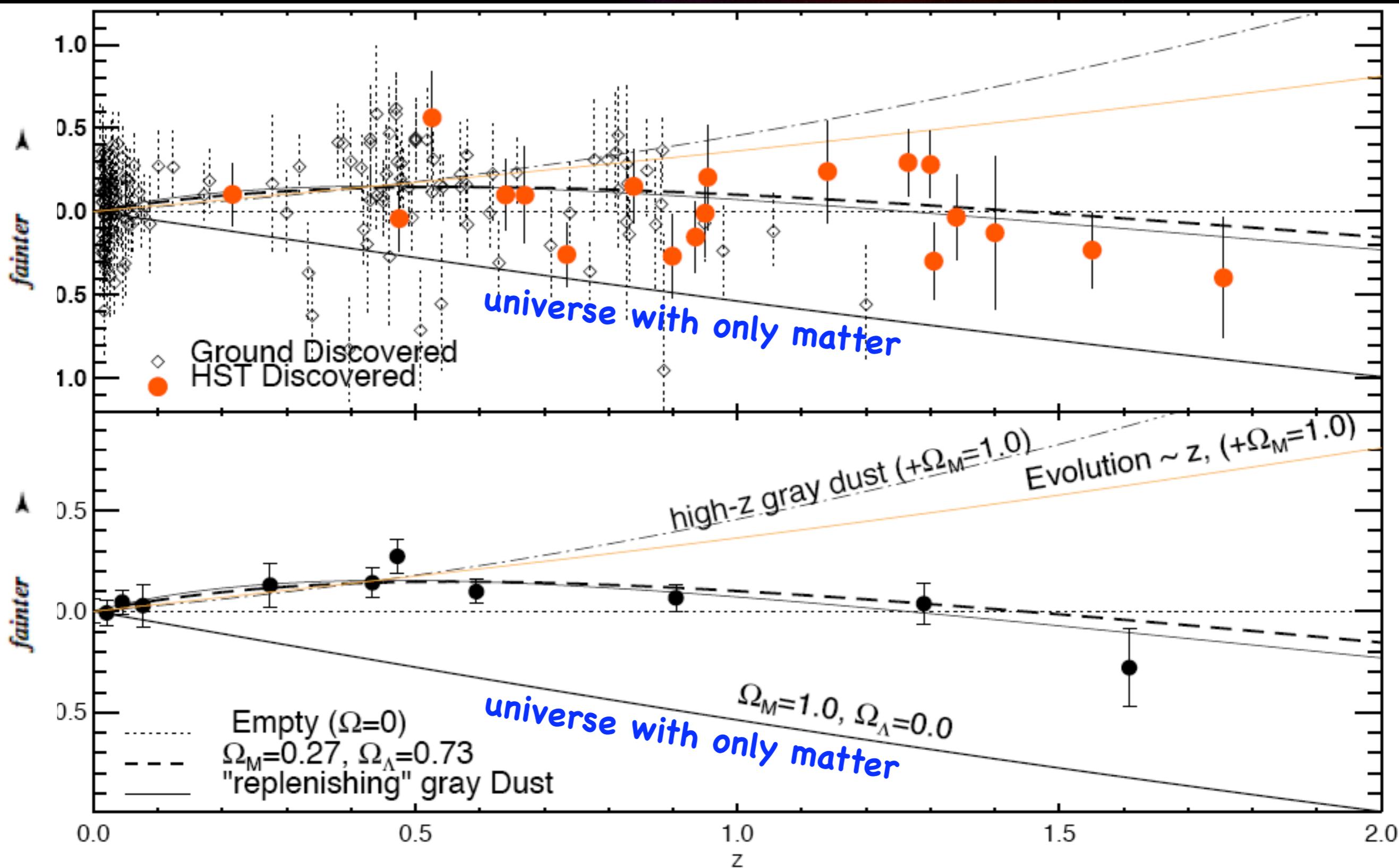
For a given SNIa of fixed luminosity at a certain redshift, its distance from us will depend on the cosmological model.

By comparing the apparent magnitude:
observed Flux \propto Luminosity / d_L^2

to what is expected from different cosmologies,

$$d_L \propto \int H^{-1}(z) dz$$

one CAN EXTRACT the cosmological model



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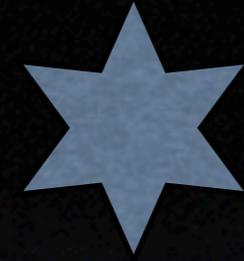
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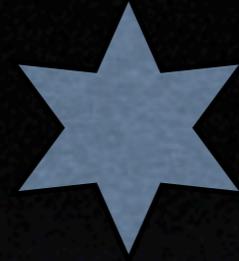
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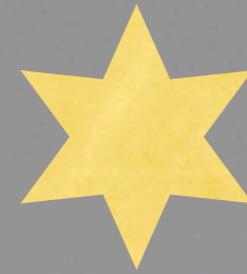


$$w < -1/3$$



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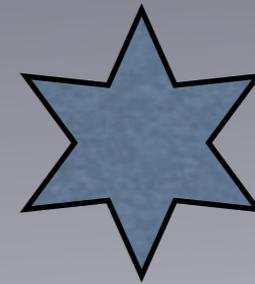
COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT Λ $w = -1$



Dynamical alternatives

Quintessence

$$w = f(z)$$



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Backreaction of subhorizon homogeneities

Kolb, Matarrese, Notari and Riotto, hep-th/0503117;
Kolb, Matarrese and Riotto, astro-ph/0506534.

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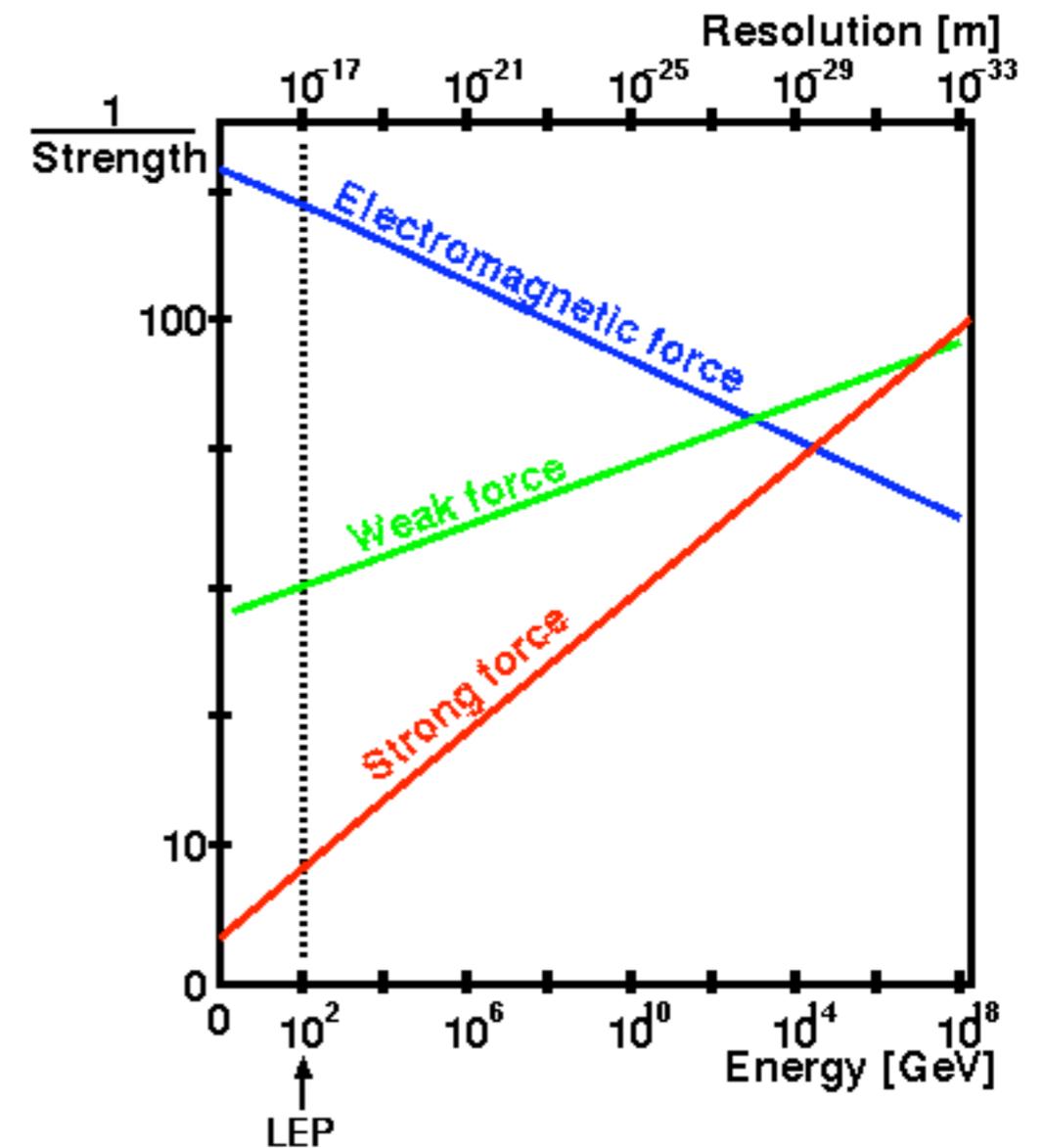
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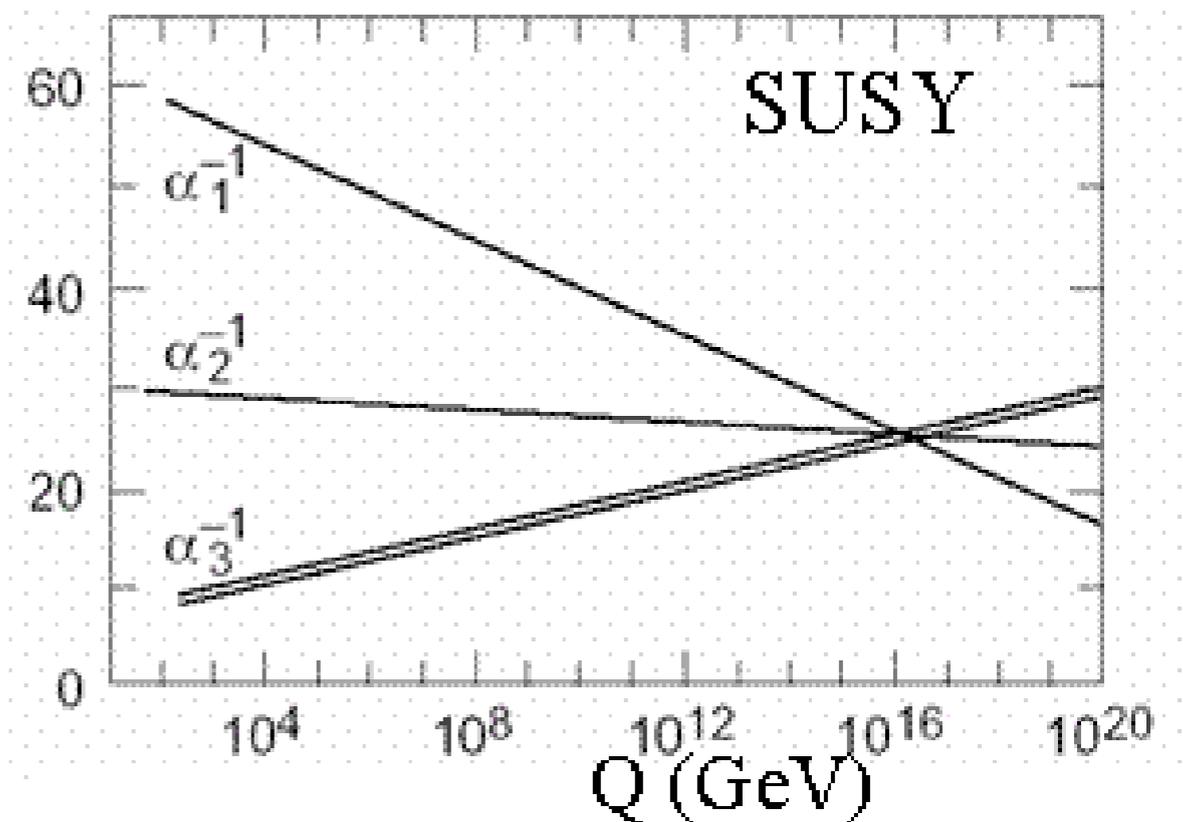
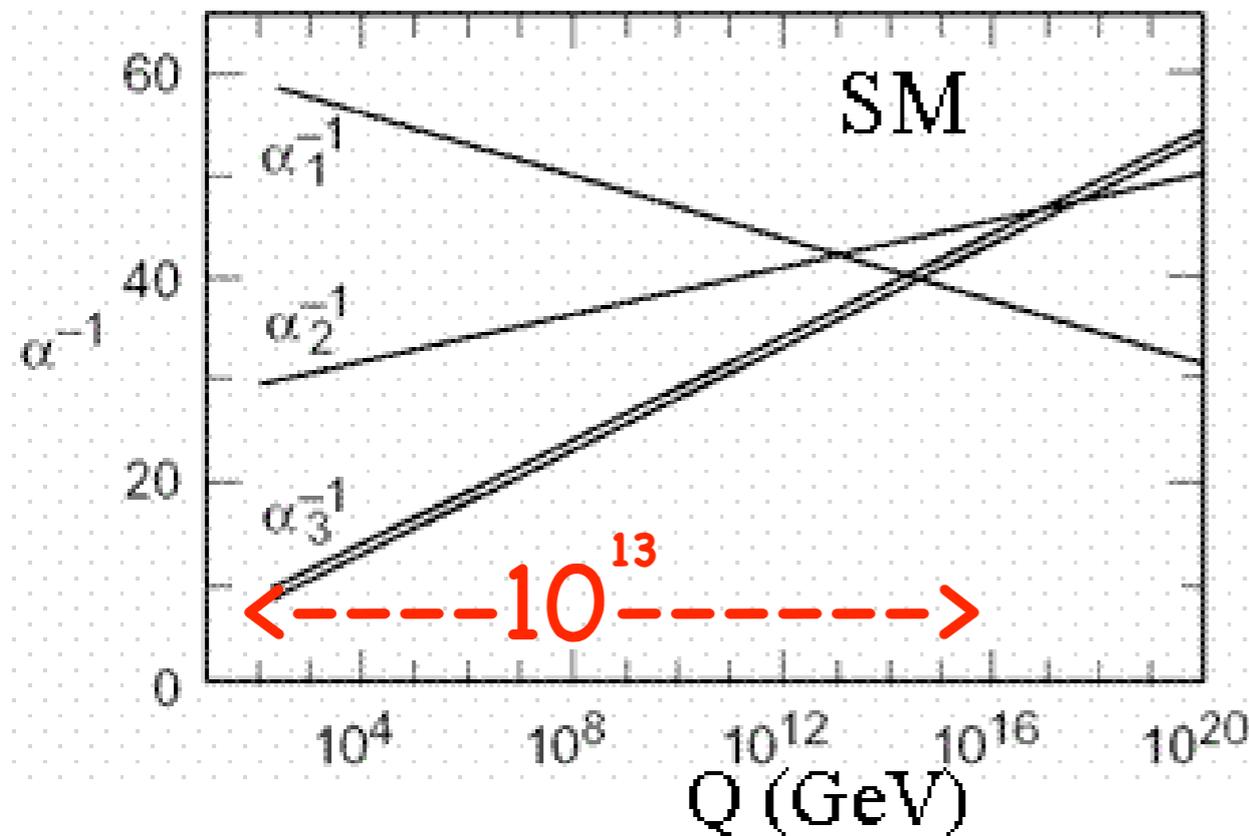
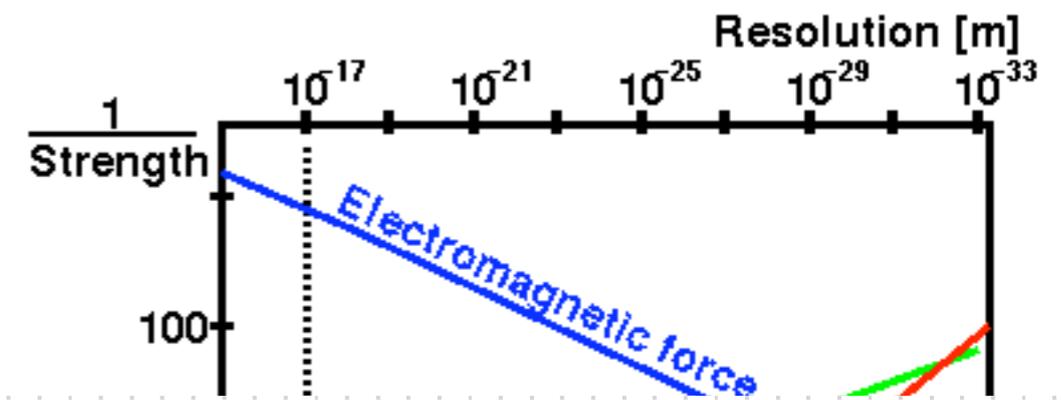
We are applying it to COSMOLOGICAL
DISTANCES, galaxies, clusters, superclusters..
 $10^7 - 10^{13}$ times larger!

Distance to a SN @ $z=1.7$ is $7 \times 10^{24} \text{ m}$

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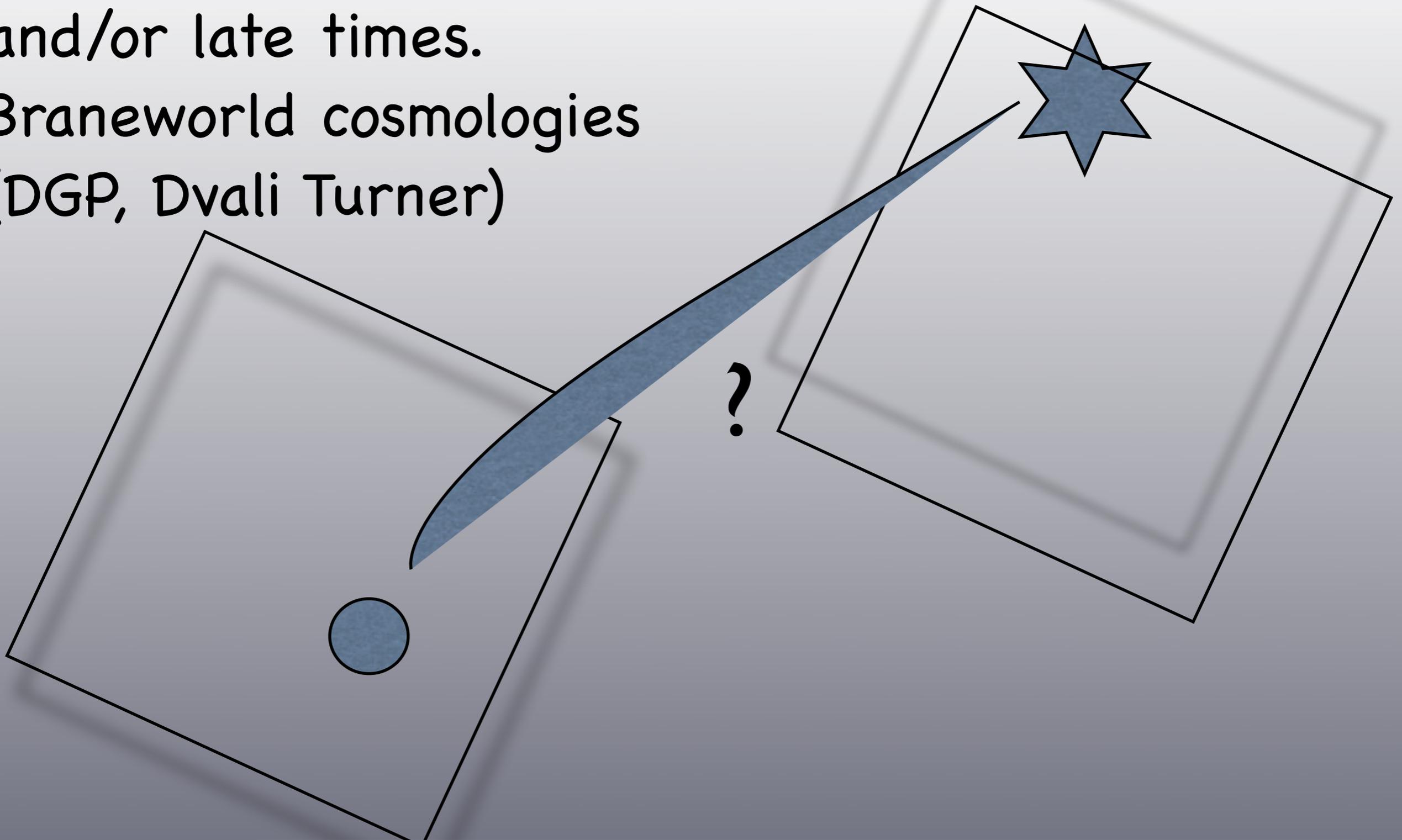
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(it might be modified at ultra large length scales)

Modified Gravity on ultra large length scales
and/or late times.

Braneworld cosmologies
(DGP, Dvali Turner)



Dvali, Gabadadze, Porrati, Deffayet; Gabadadze, hep-th/0408118;
Carroll, Duvvuri, Trodden and Turner, PRD70 (2004);
Capozziello, Carloni and Troisi, astro-ph/0303041; Vollick, PRD68 (2003).

An Historical Note

Or....

Precedent?

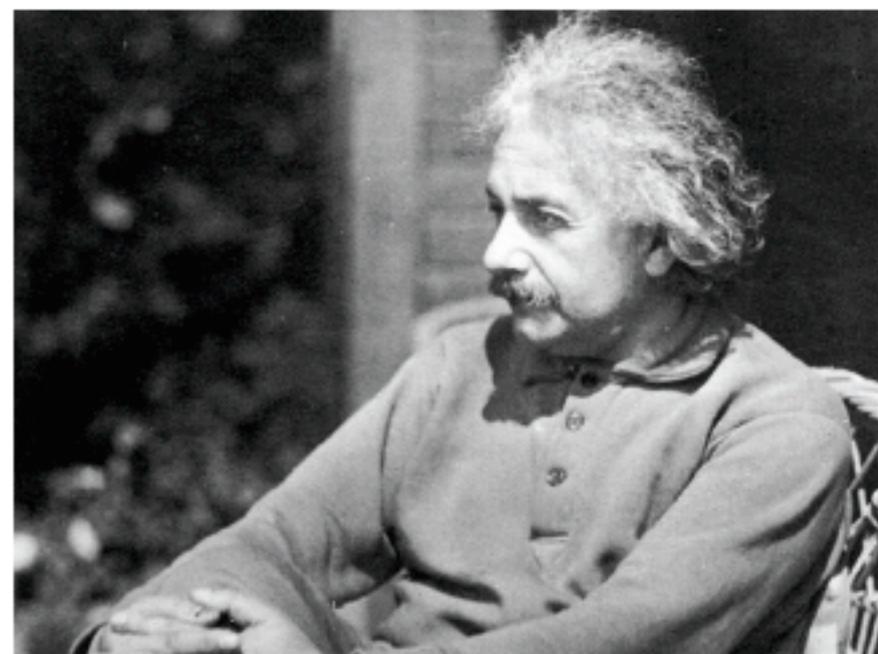




Annales de l'Observatoire Impérial de Paris. Publiées par U. J. Leverrier, Directeur de l'Observatoire, tom. v. 4to, Paris, 1859.

This volume contains the theory and tables of *Mercury* by M. Leverrier; the discrepancy as regards the secular motion of the perihelion which is found to exist between theory and observation, led, as is well known, to the suggestion by M. Leverrier of the existence of a planet or group of small planets interior to *Mercury*. The volume contains also a memoir by M. Foucault, on the "Construction of Telescopes with Silvered

"[General Relativity] explains ... quantitatively ... the secular rotation of the orbit of Mercury, discovered by Le Verrier, ... without the need of any special hypothesis."
SPAW, Nov 18, 1915



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Navarro and Van Acoleyen, PLB622 (2005); gr-qc/0511045.

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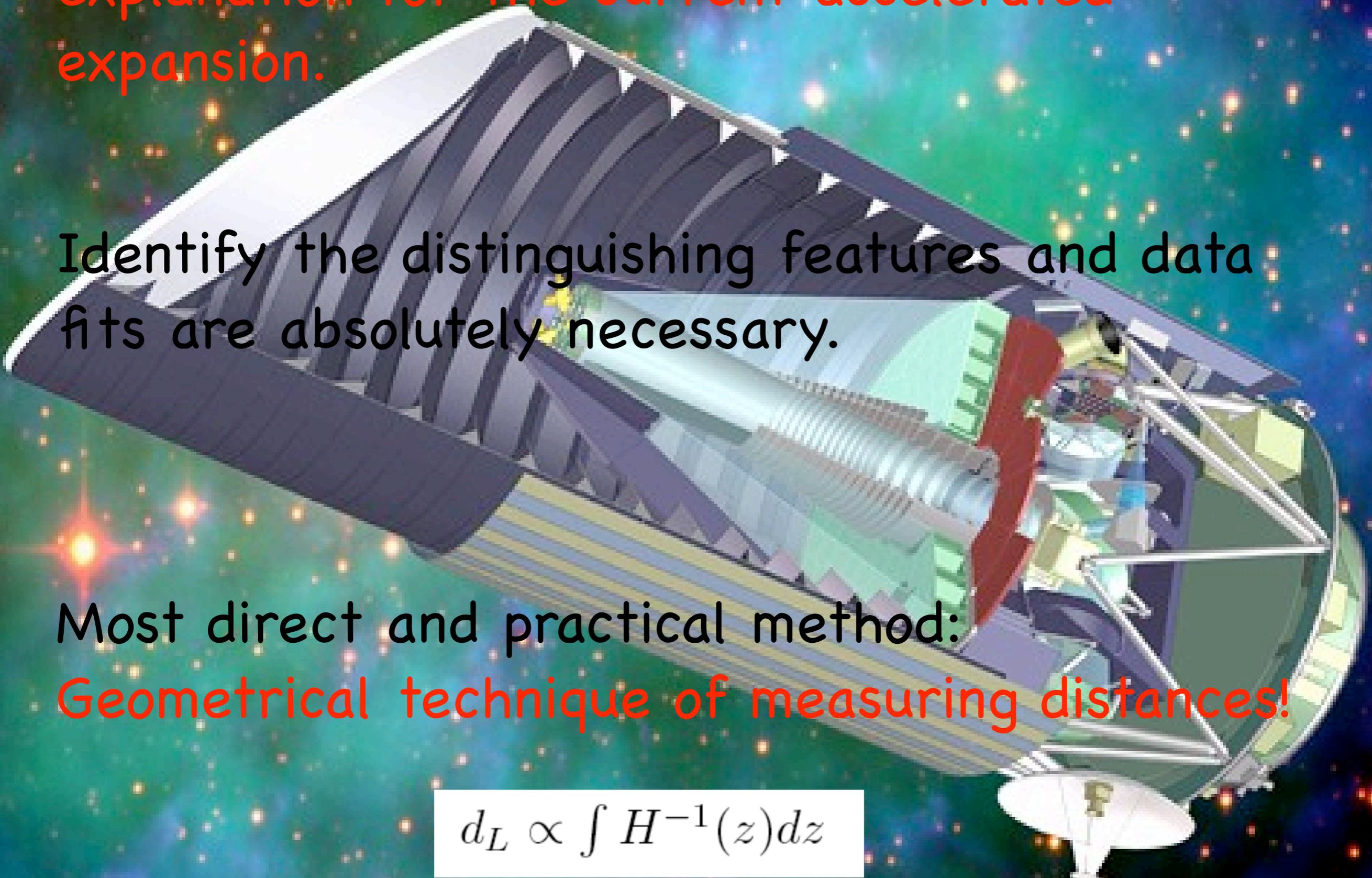
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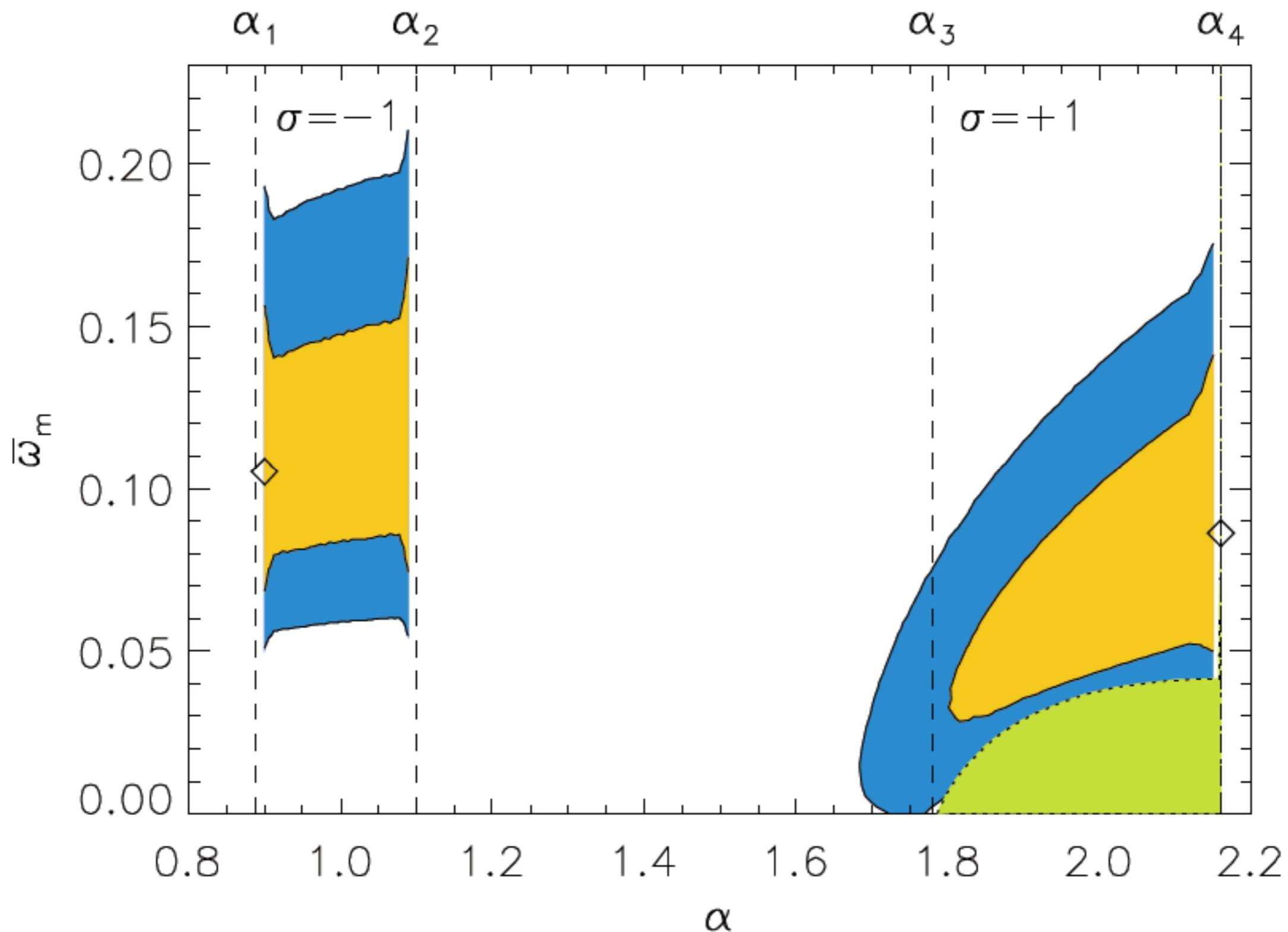
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SN Ia data insensitive to the absolute scale of $H(z)$

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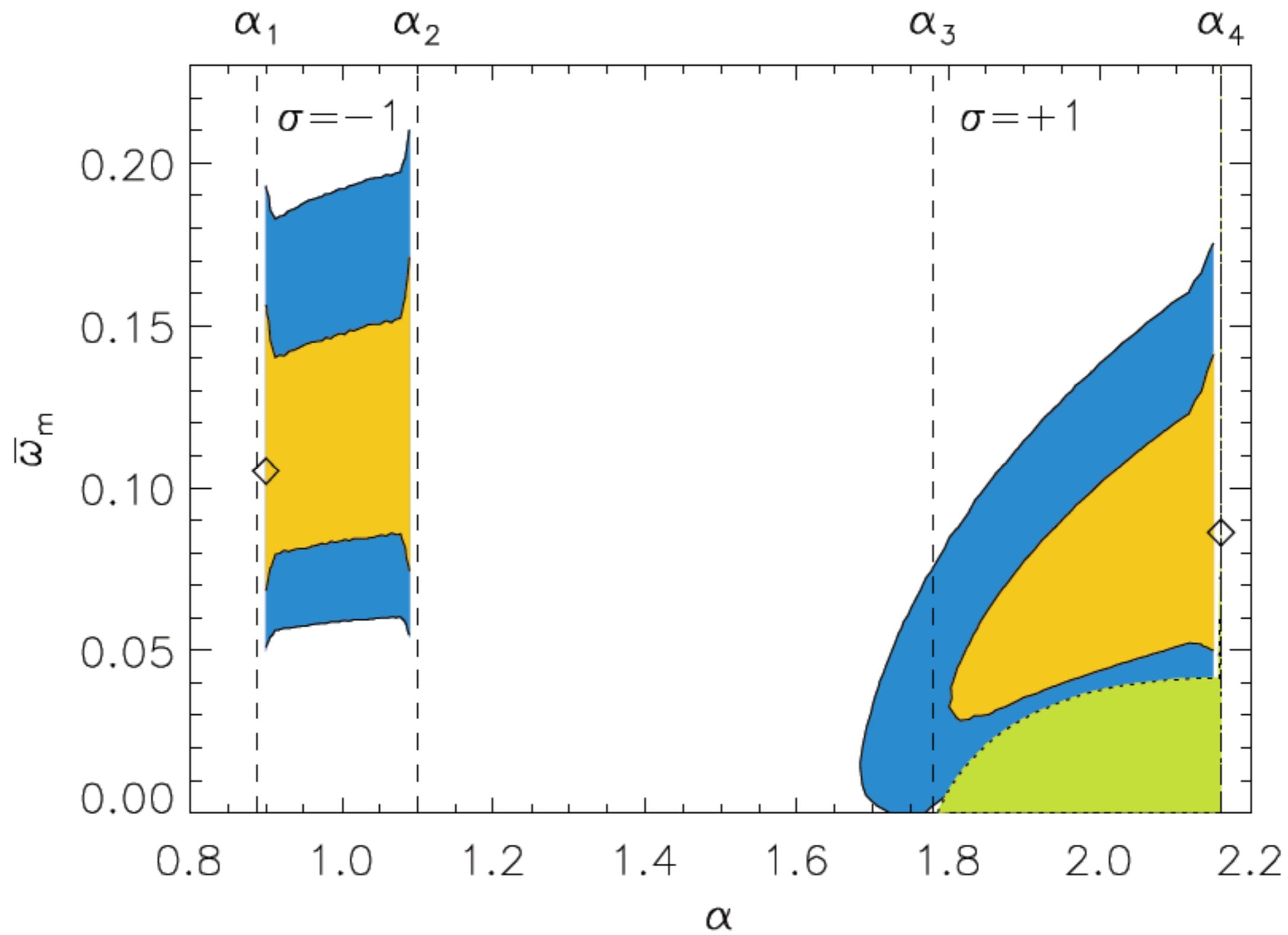
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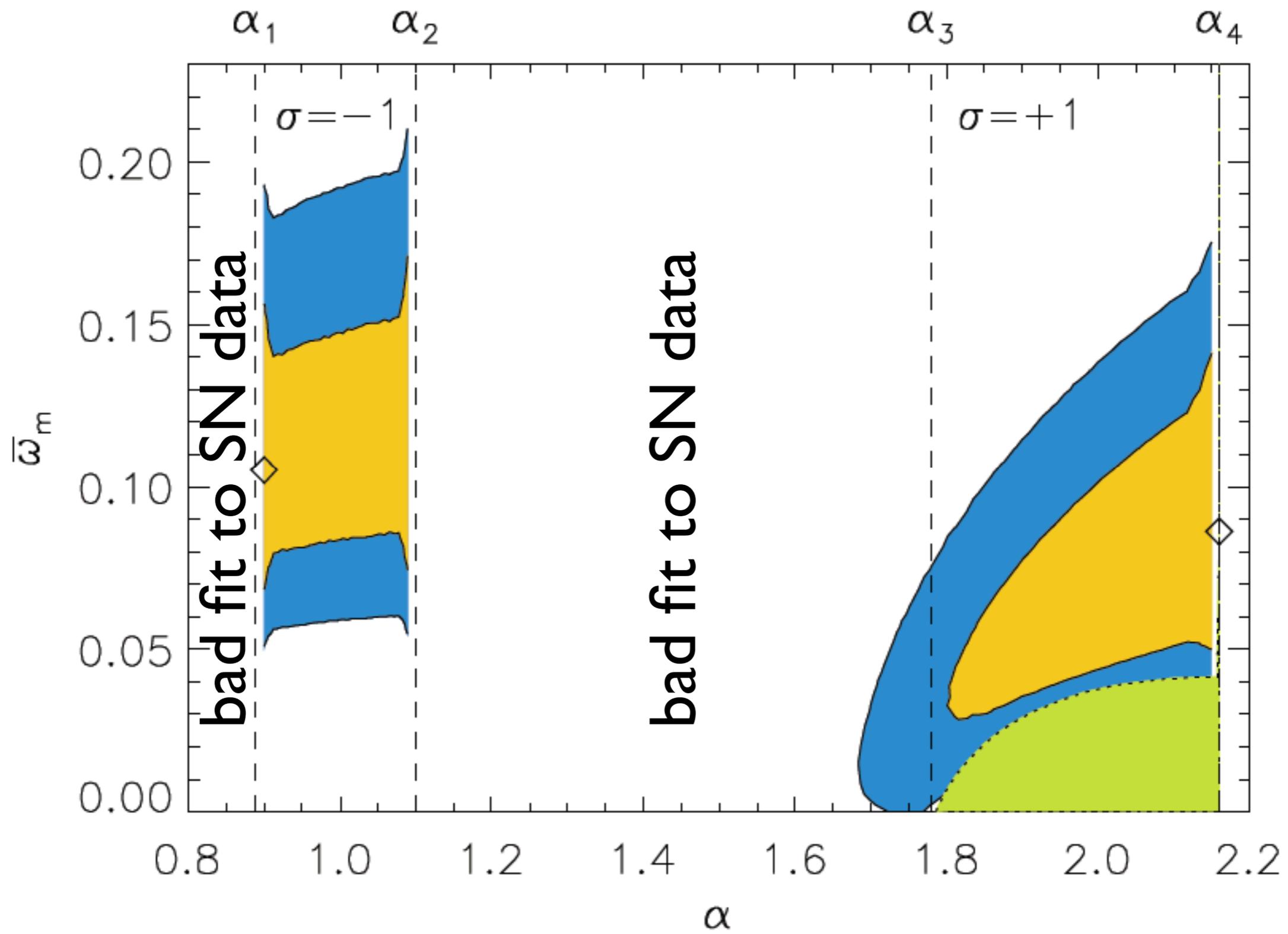


Fit to SN Ia Golden data set of HST (Riess et al'04)

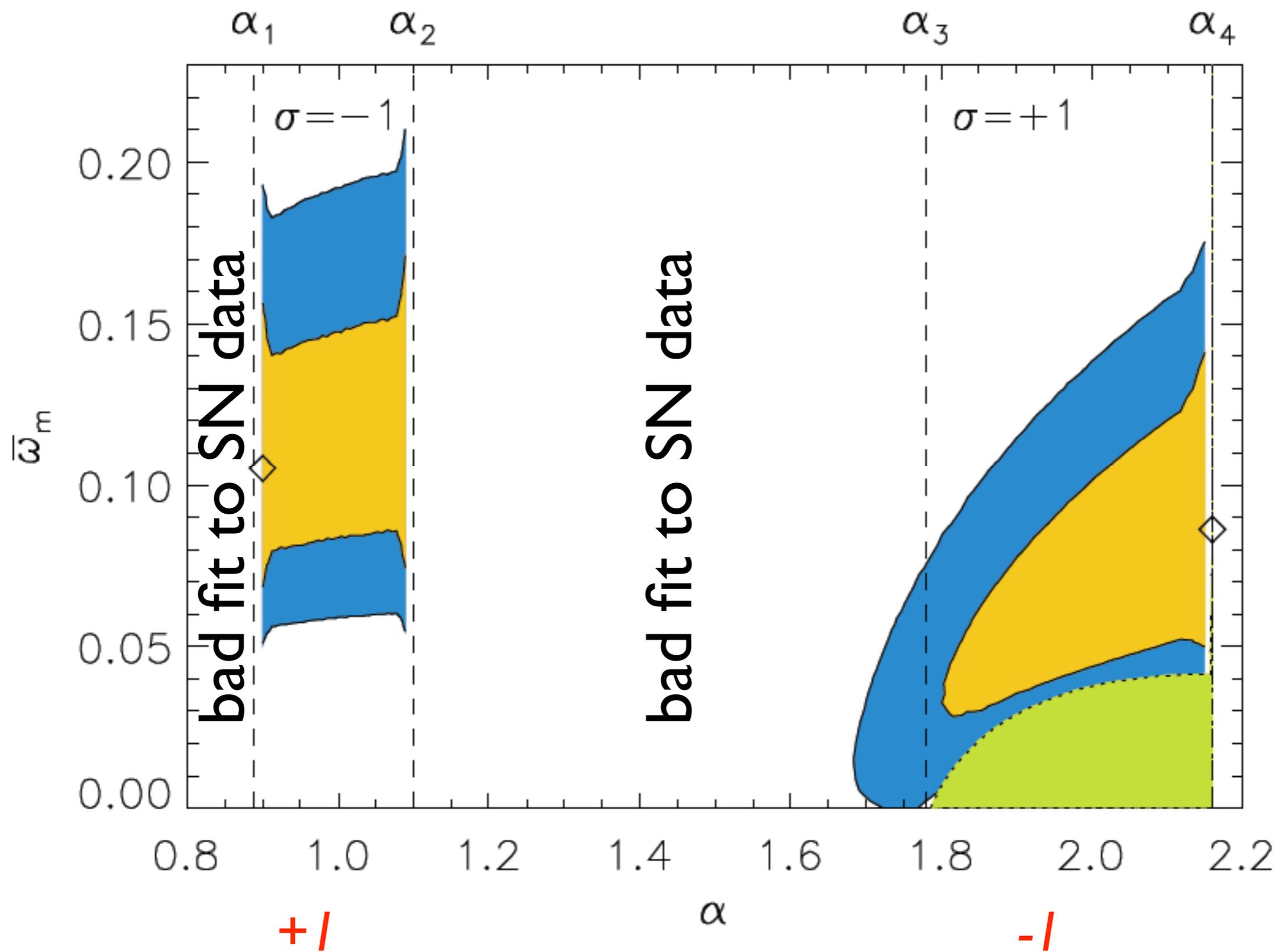
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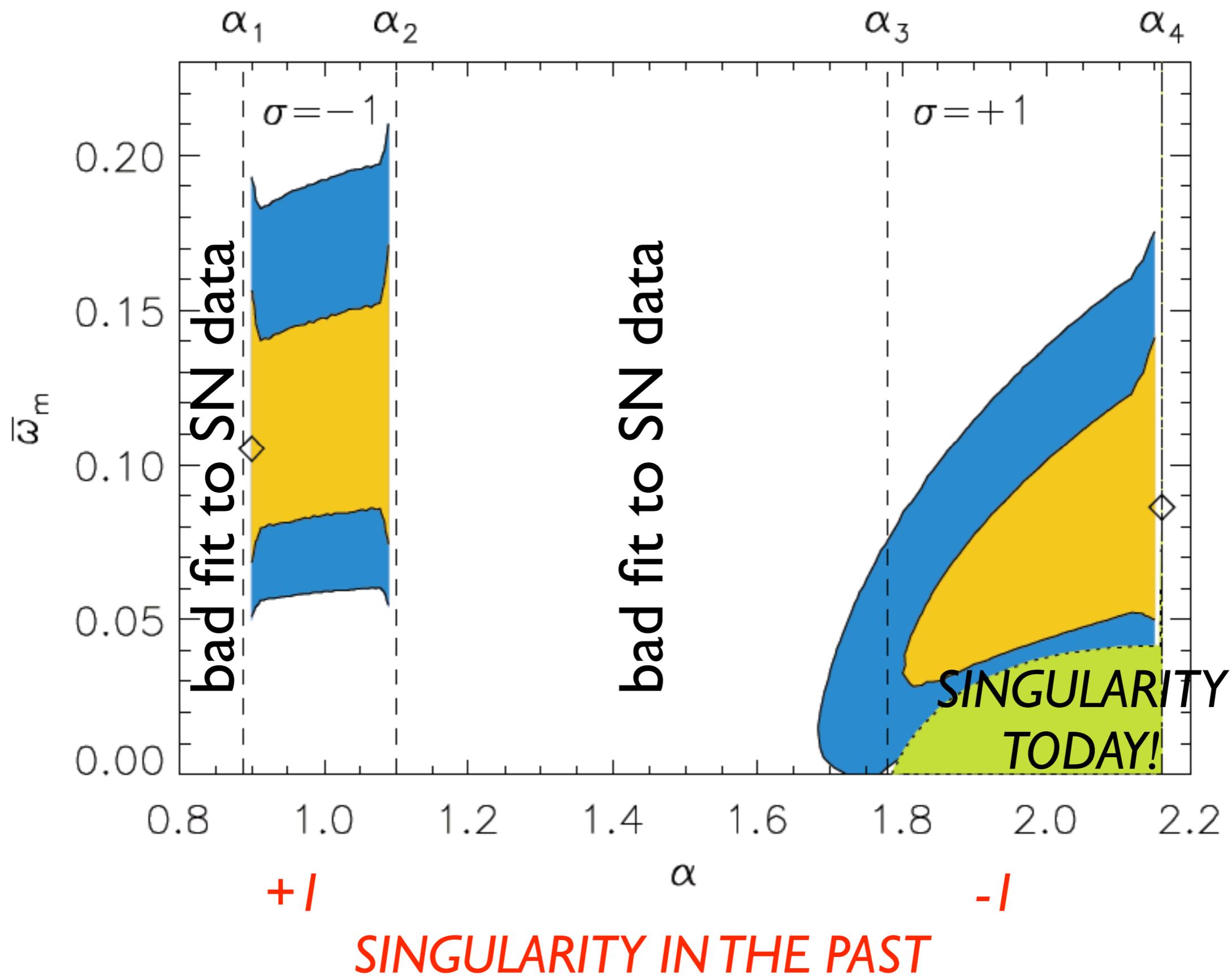


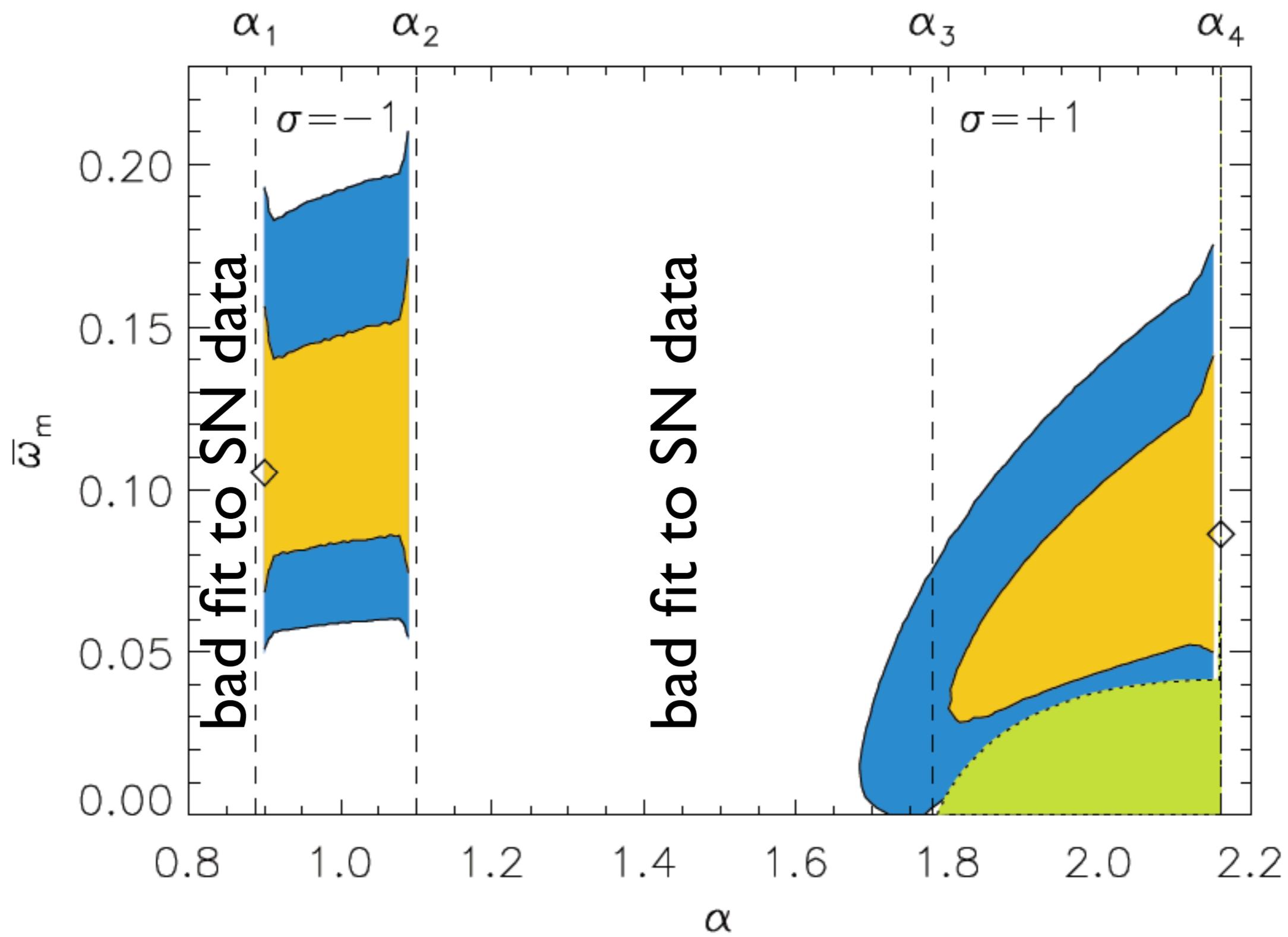
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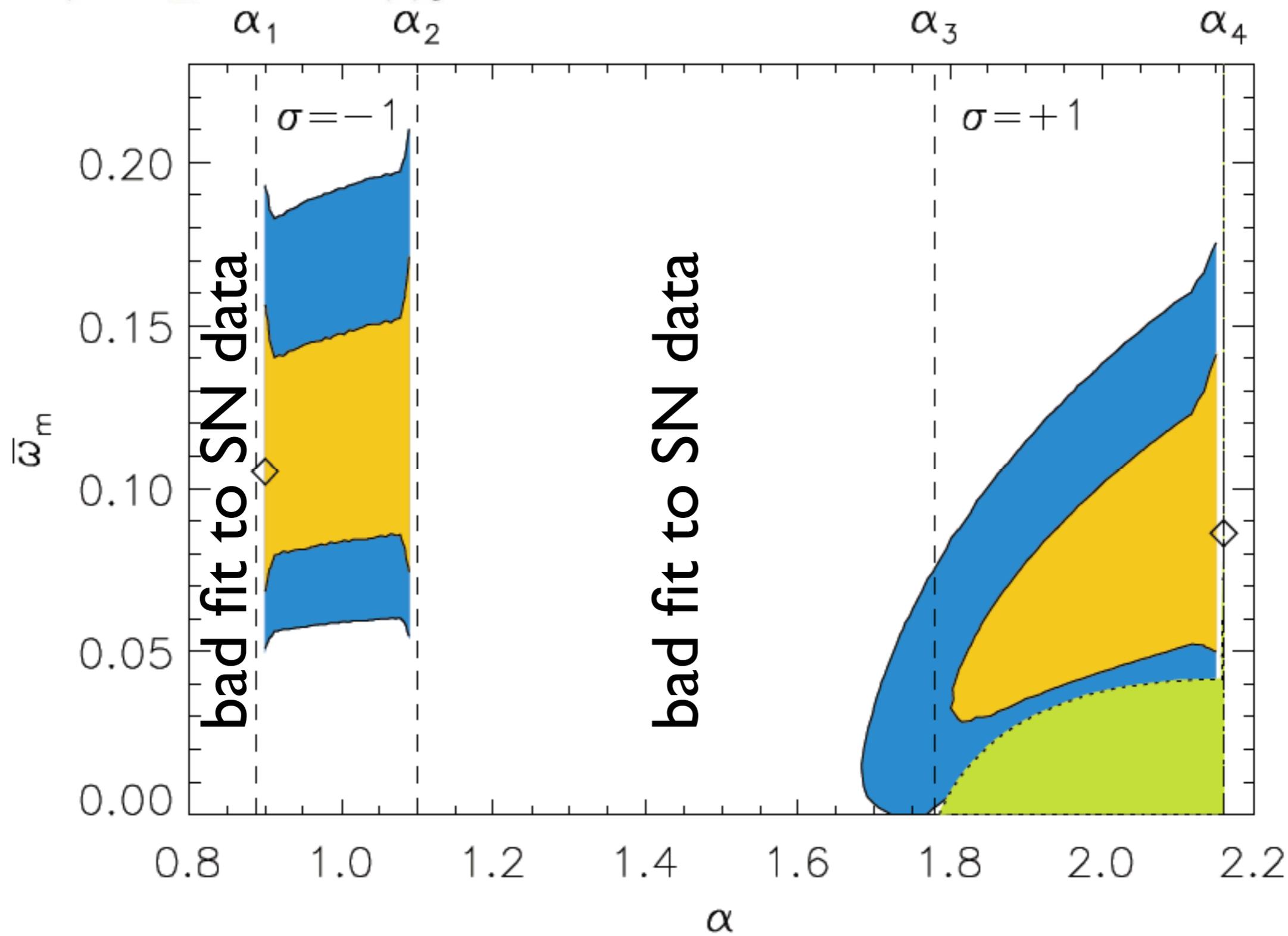
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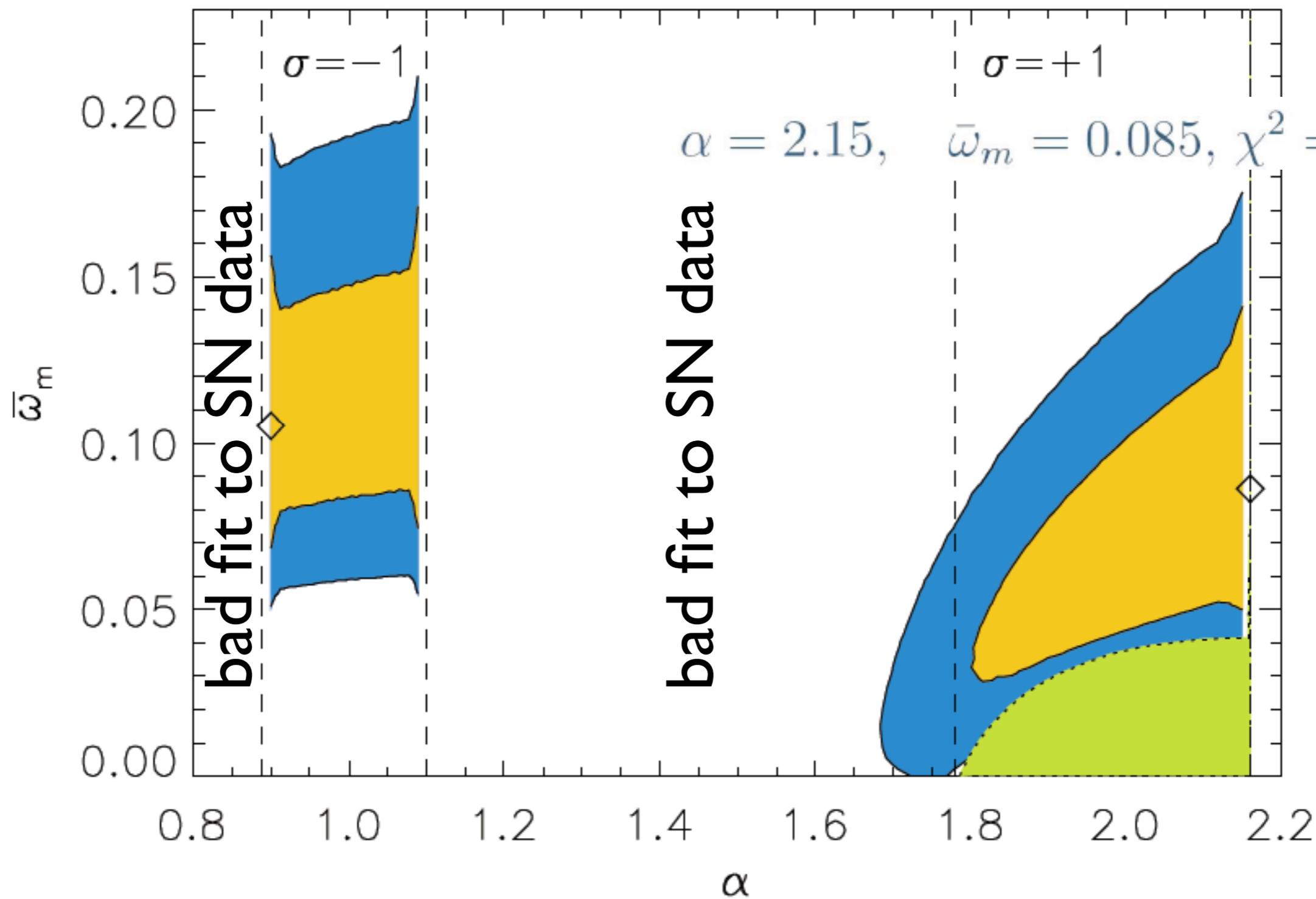


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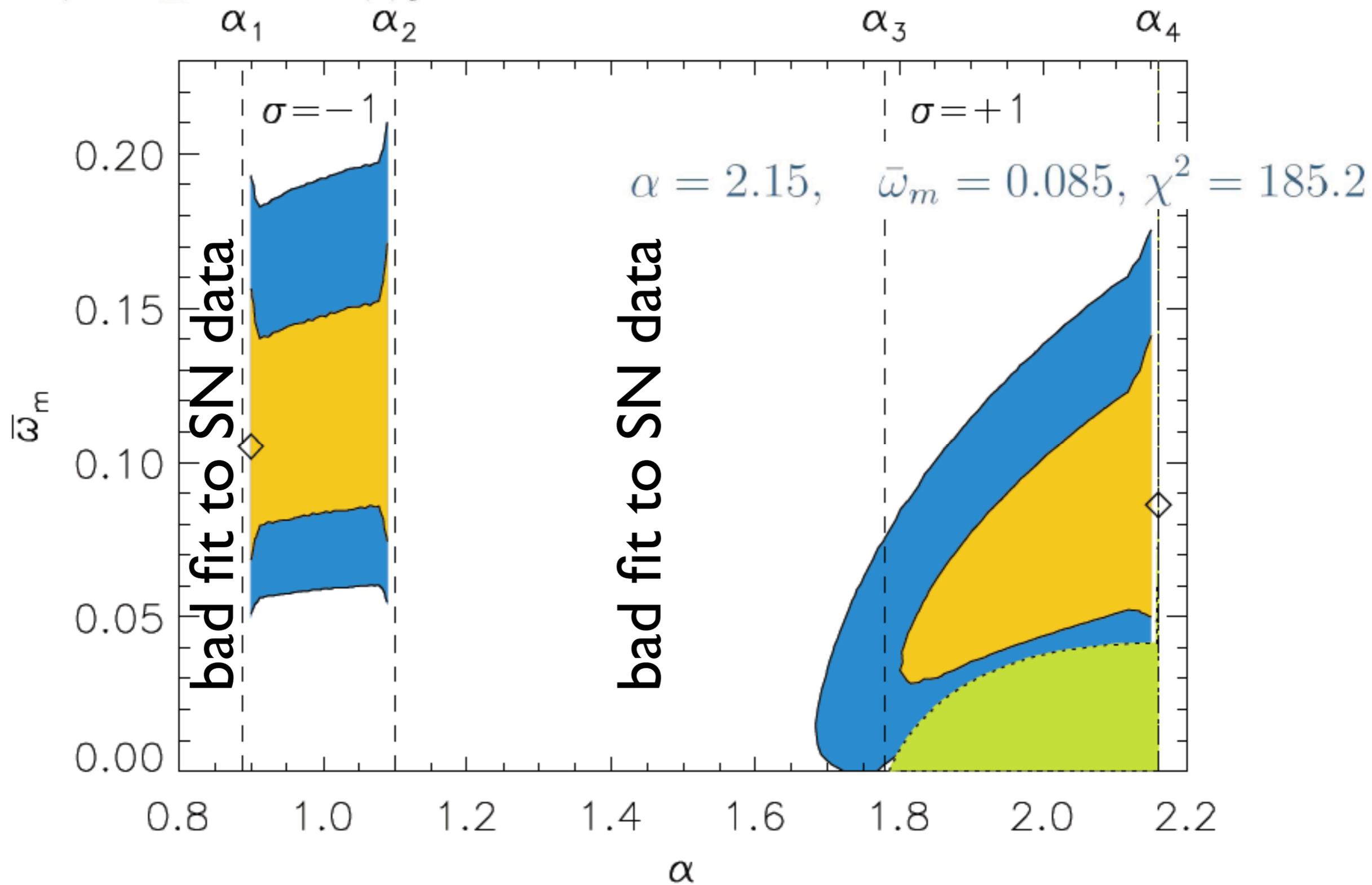
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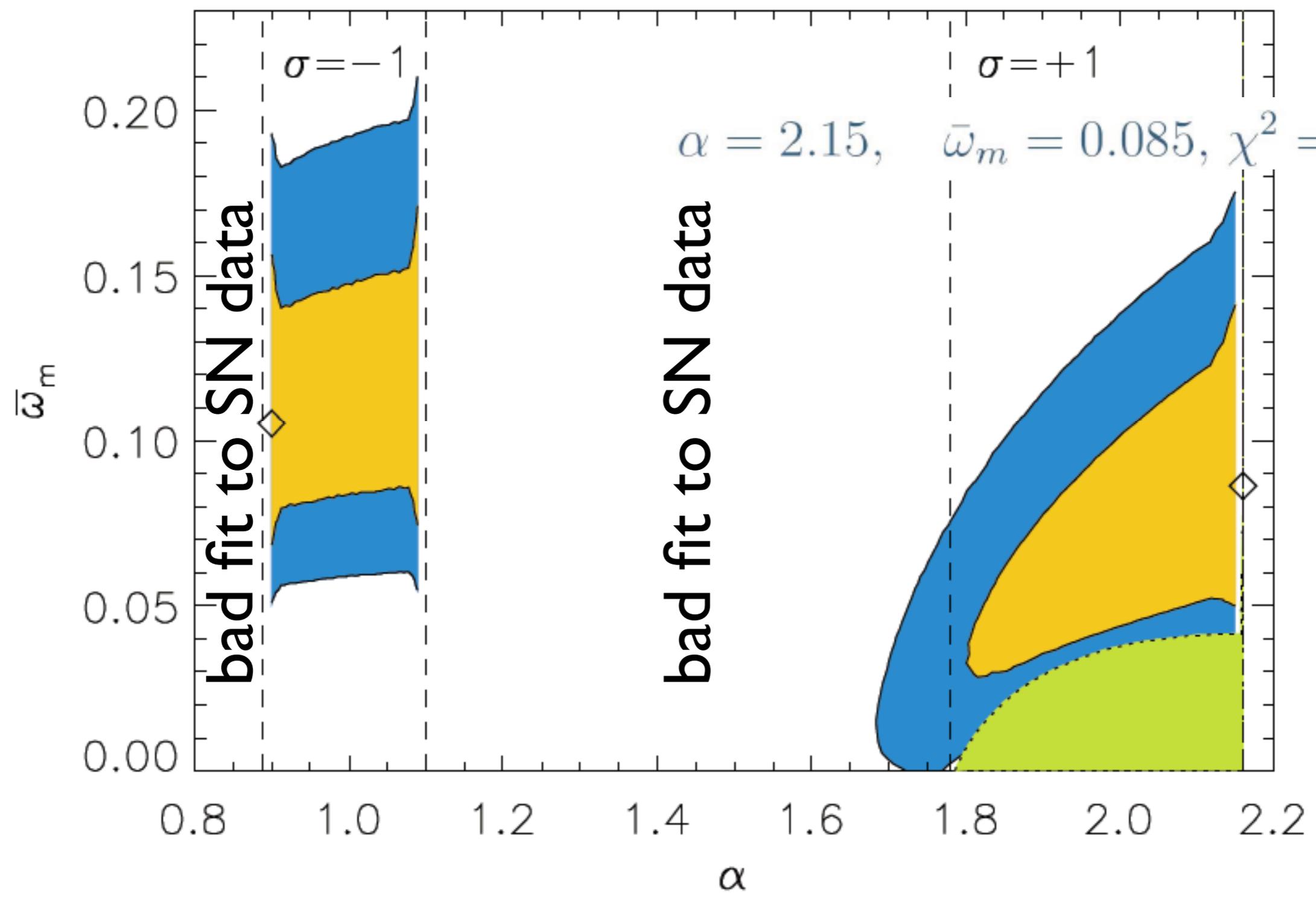
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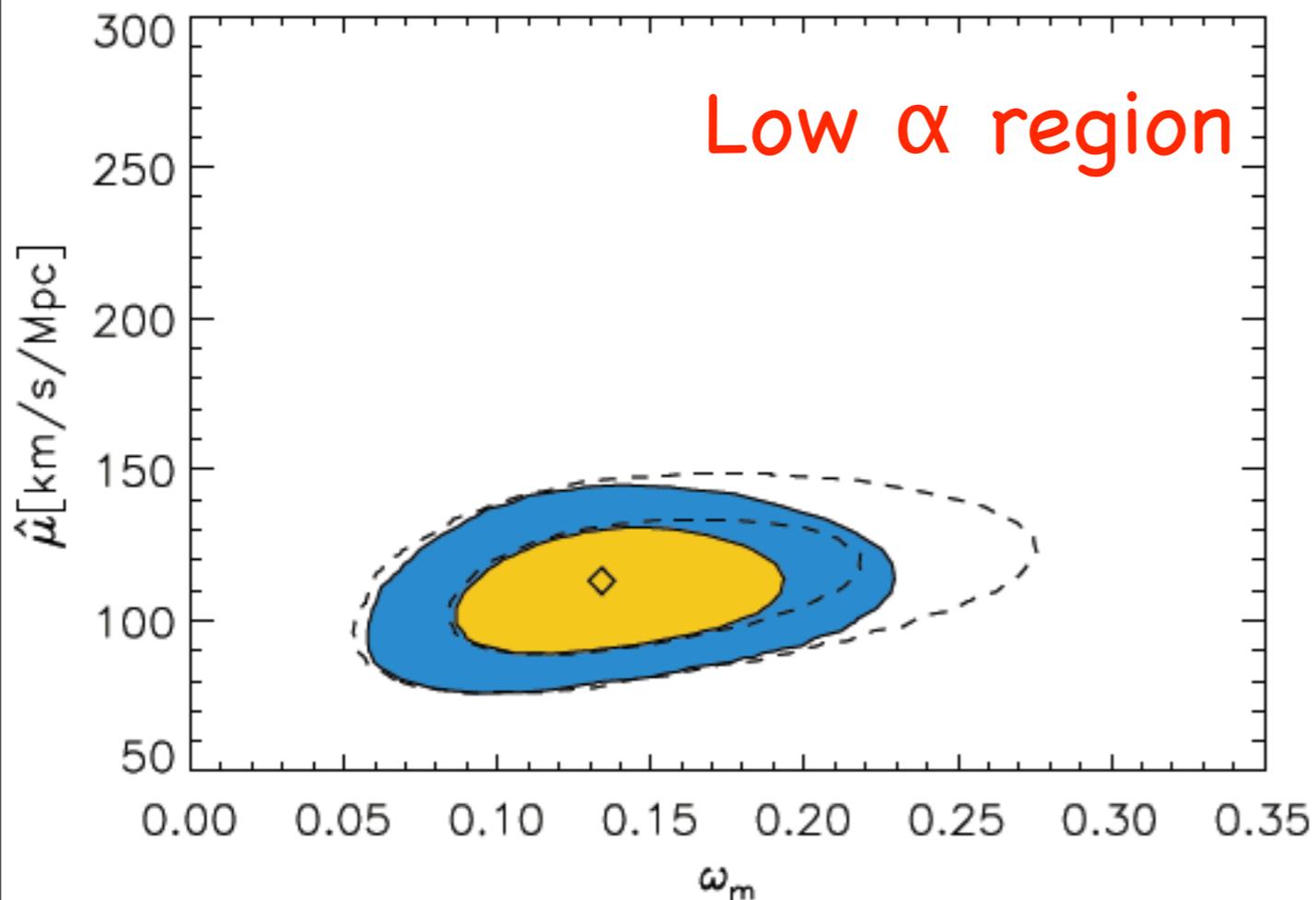
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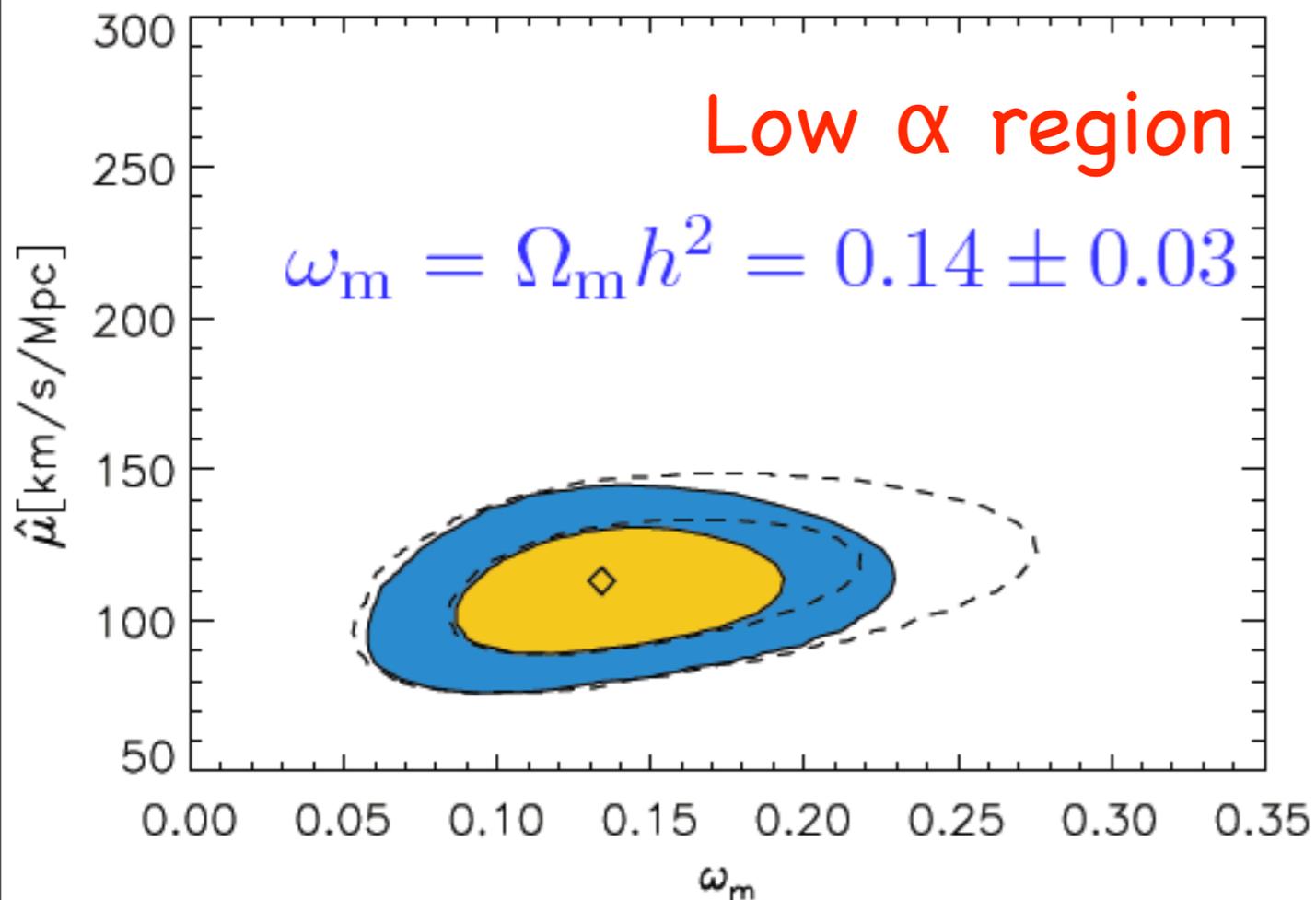


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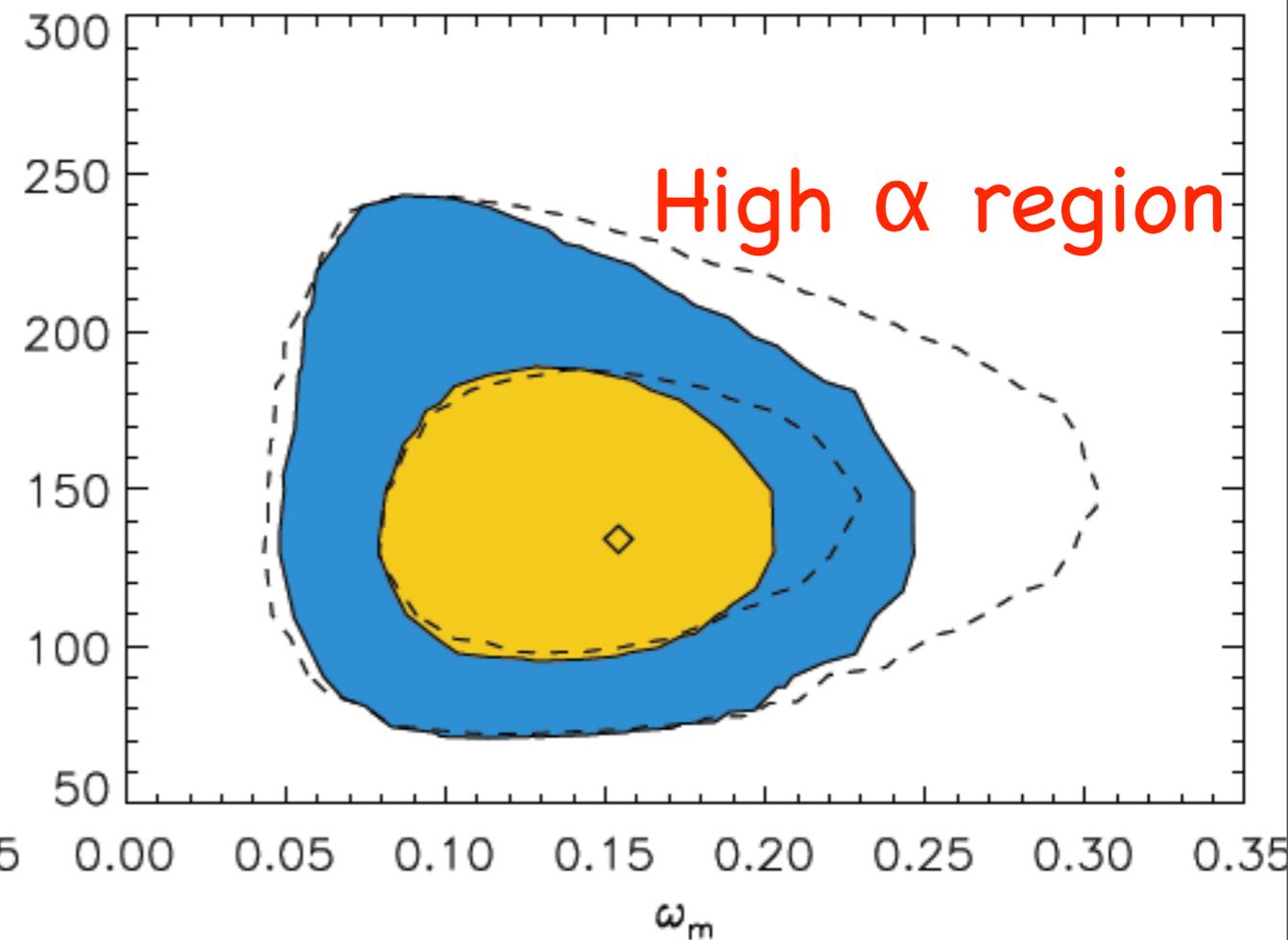
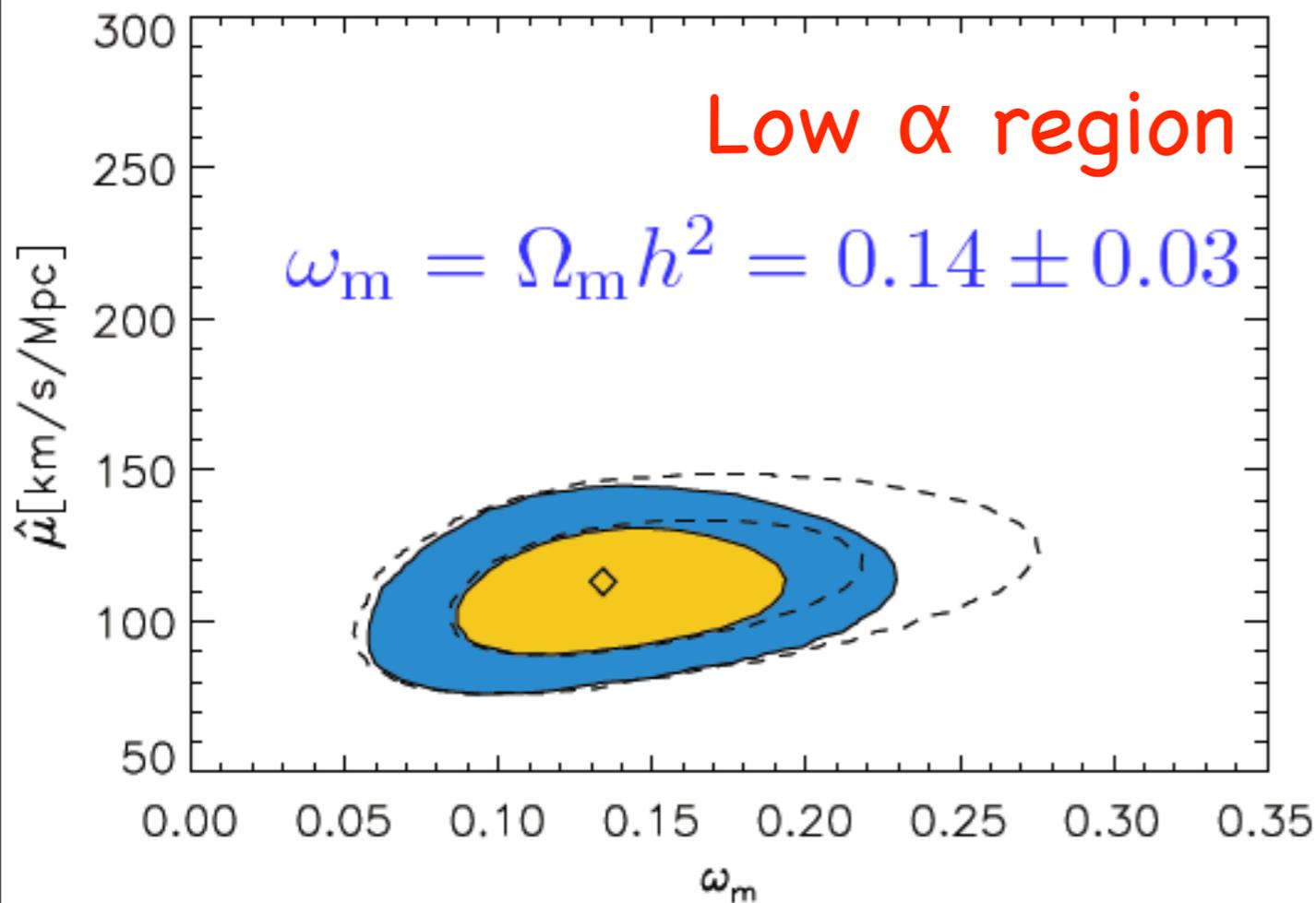


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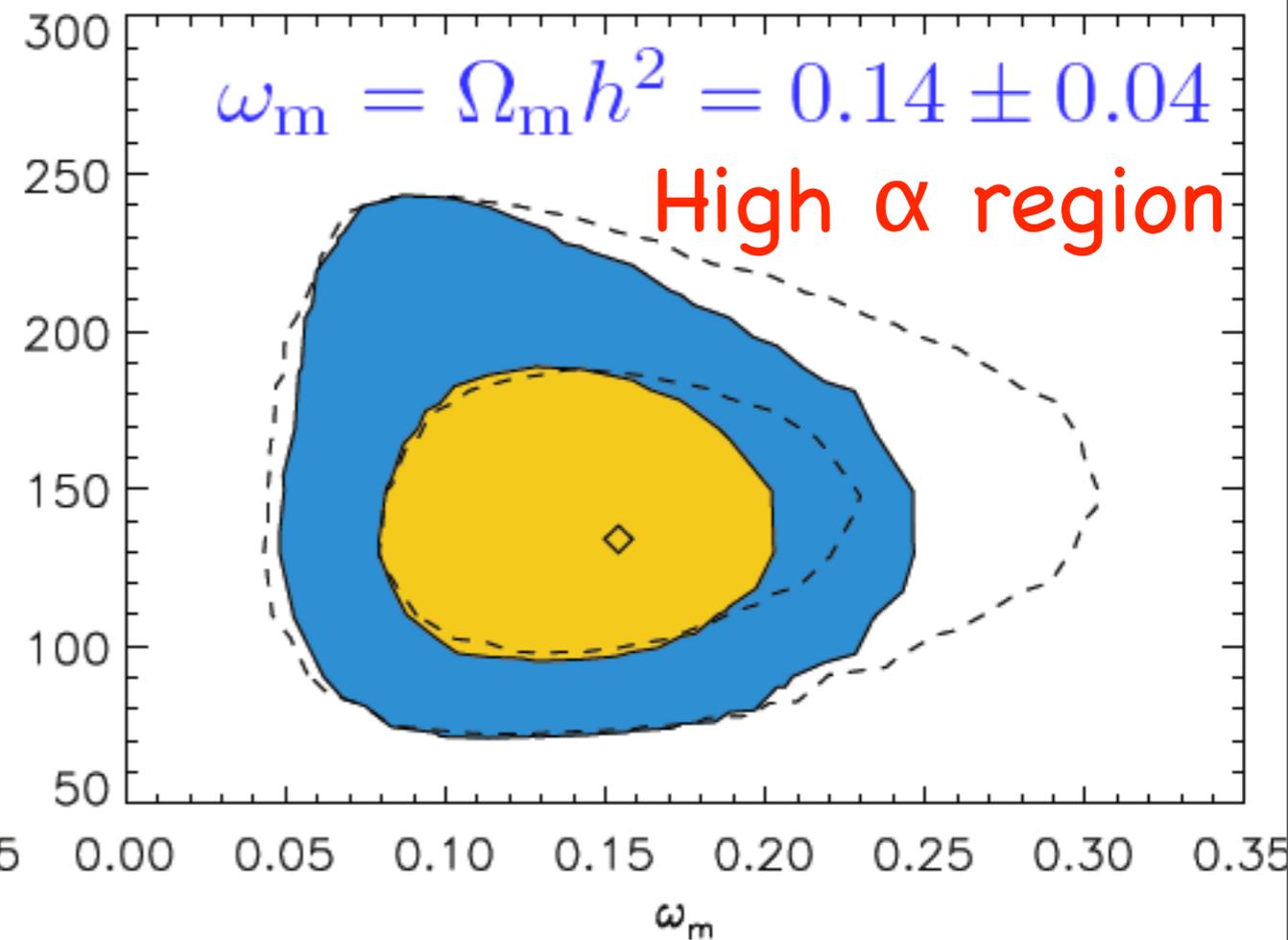
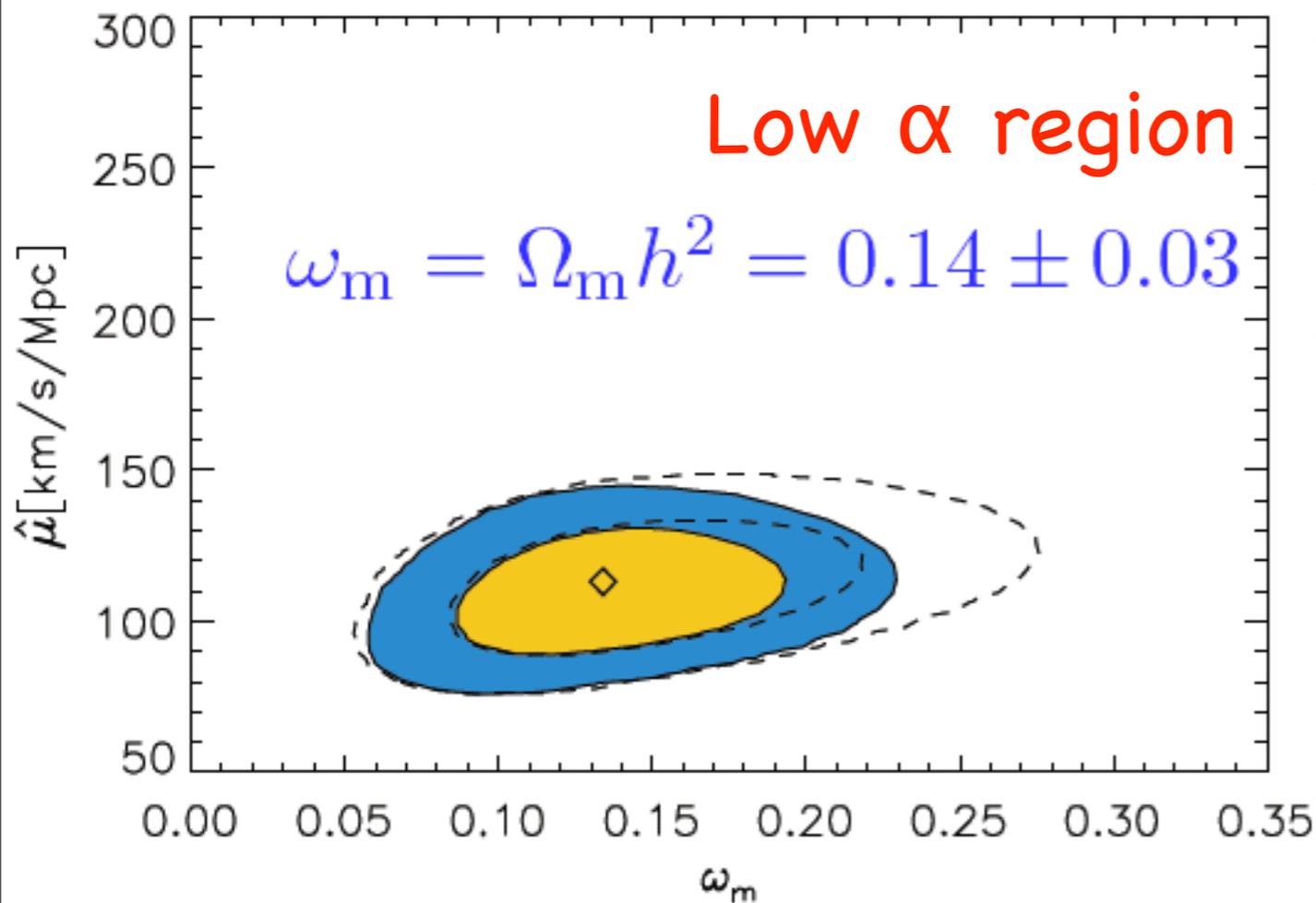


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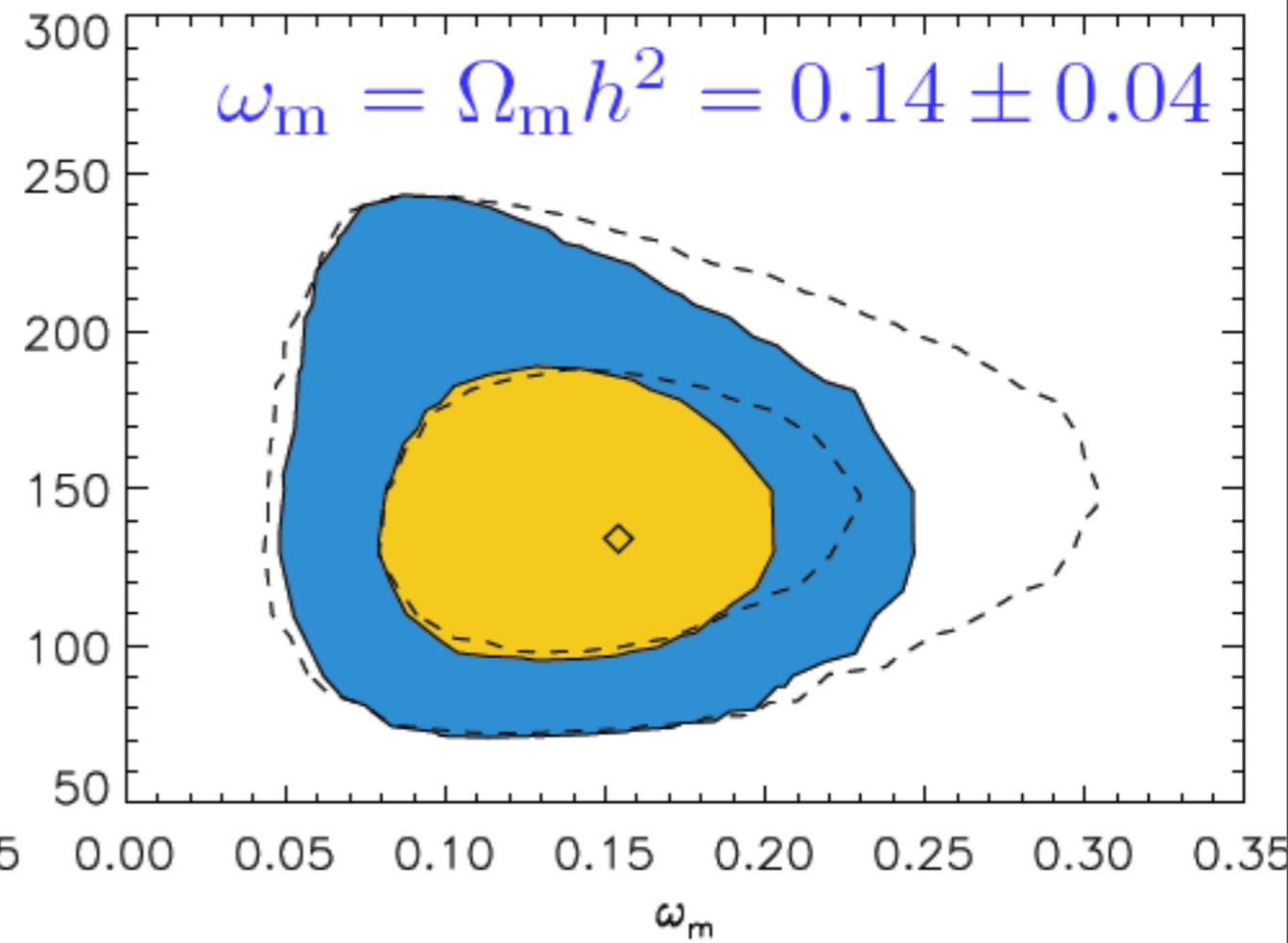
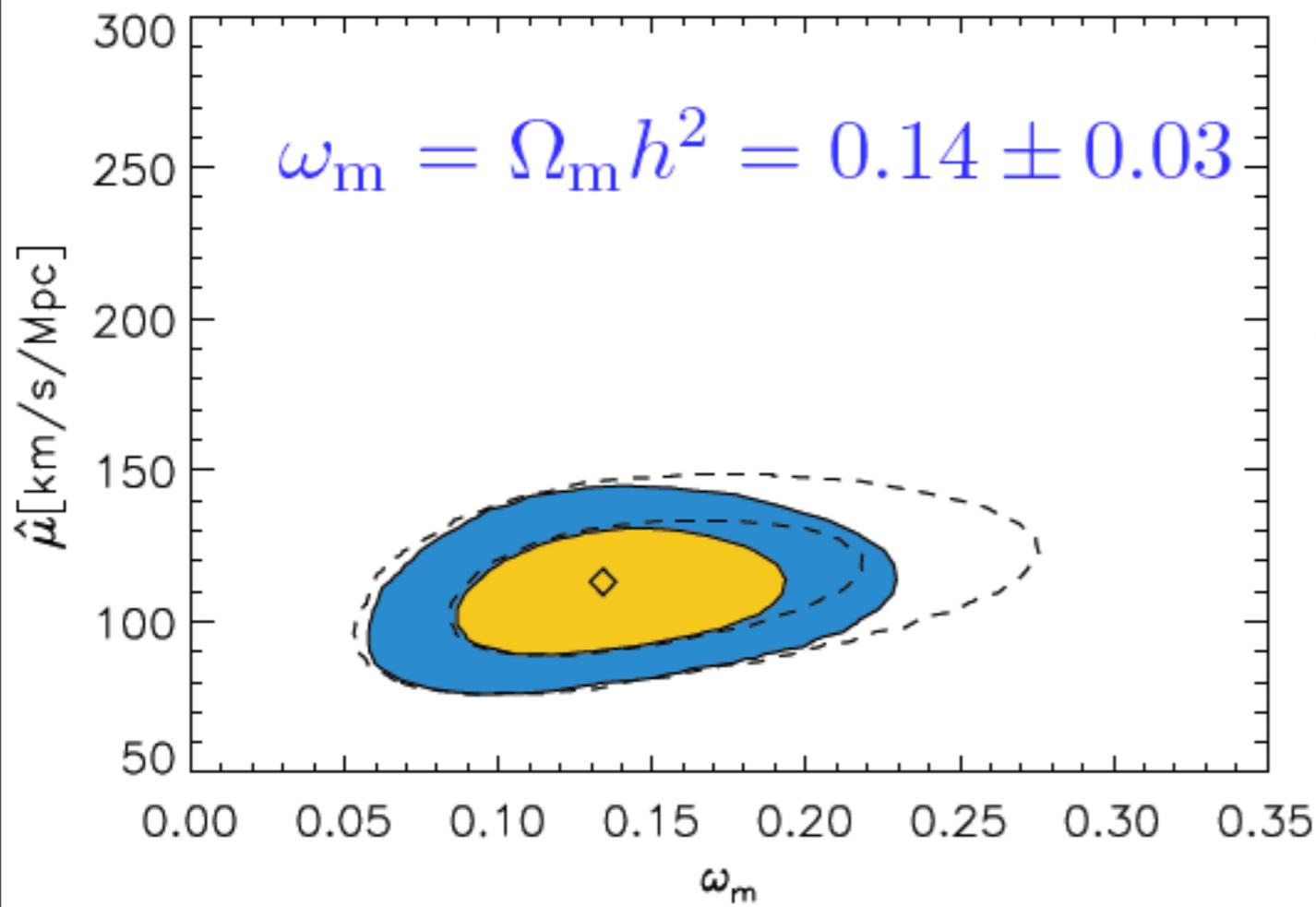
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$t_0 > 11.2 \text{ Gyrs}$ at 95% CL (Kraus, Chaboyer'03)

After marginalization over α



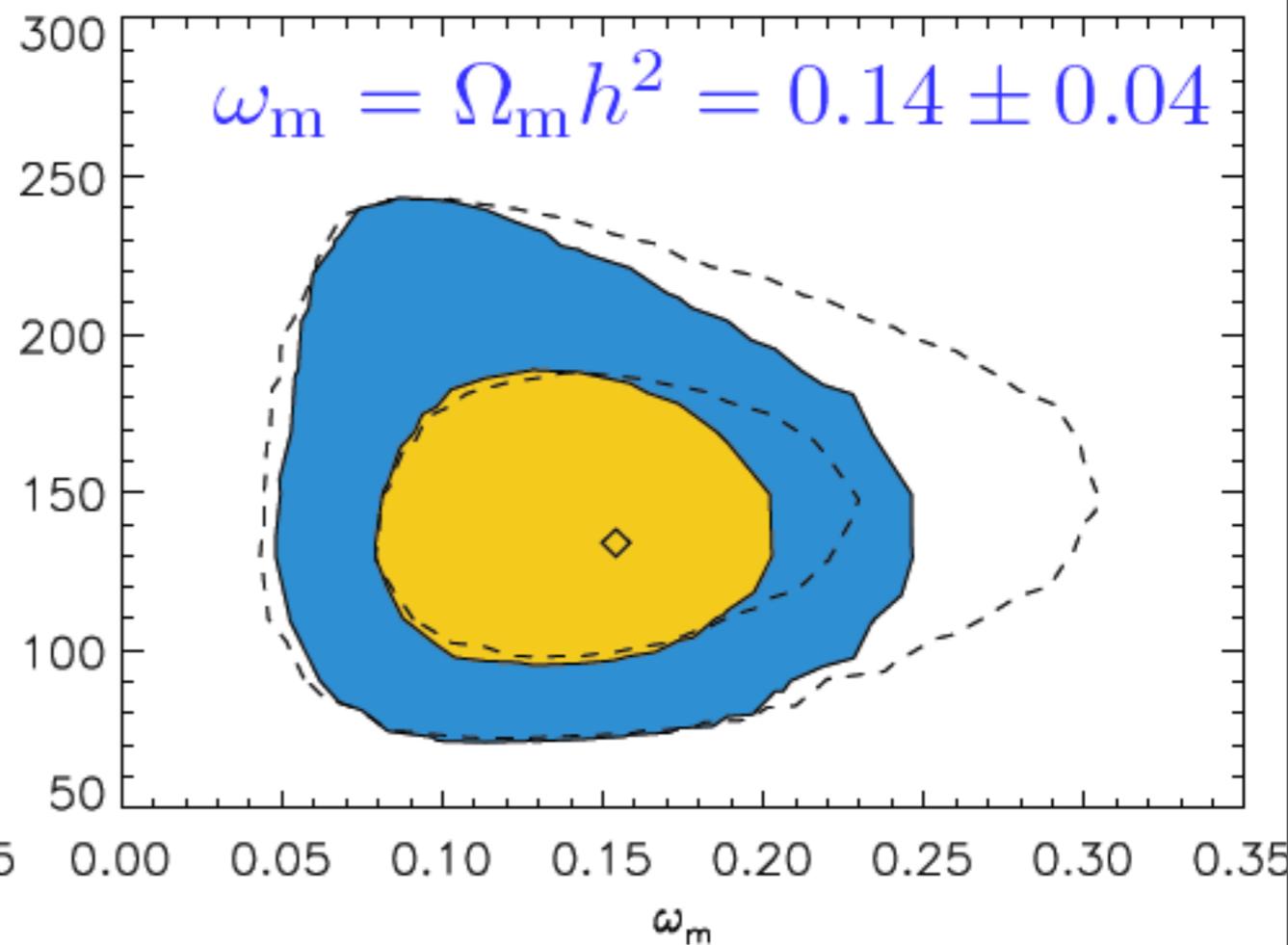
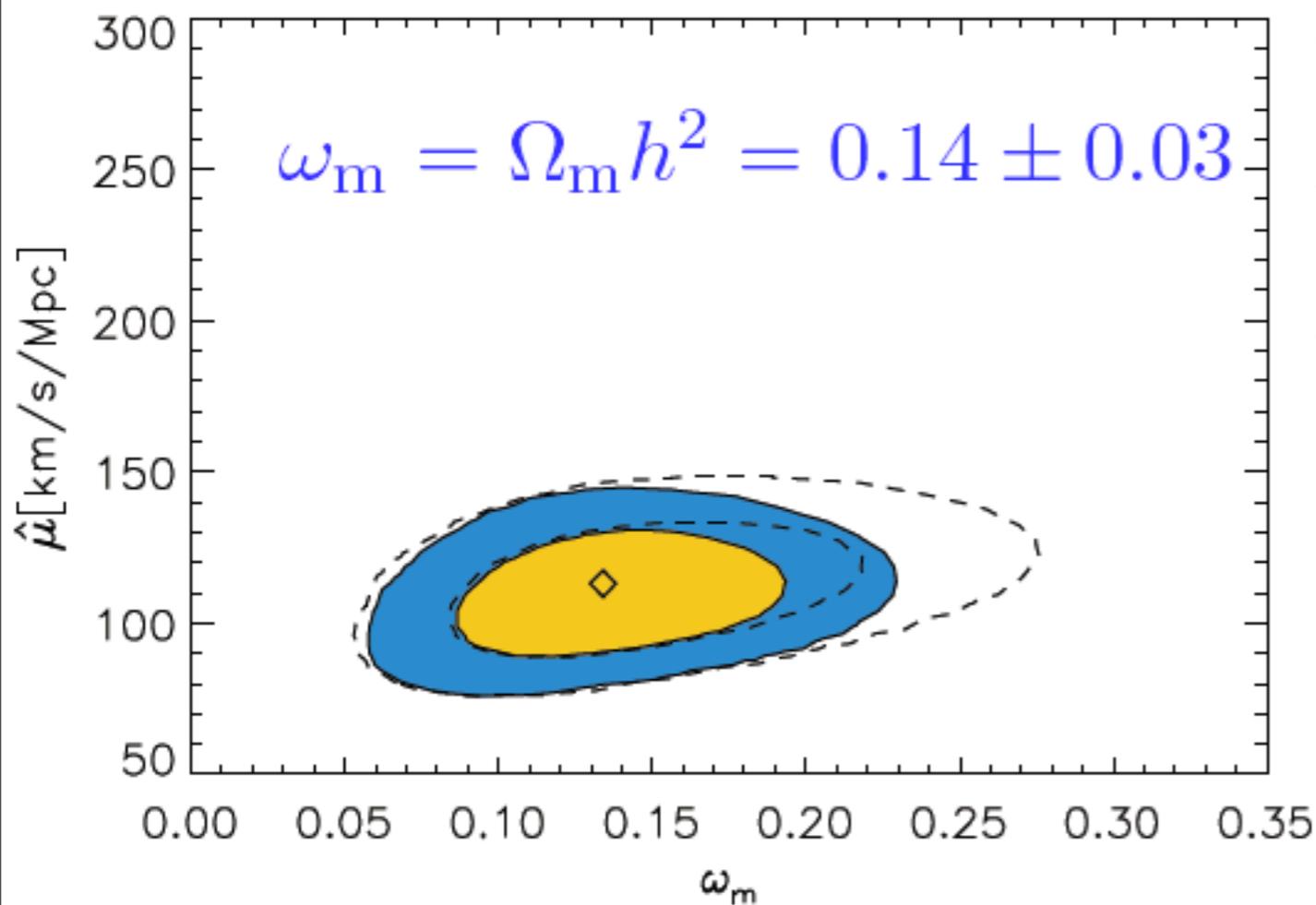
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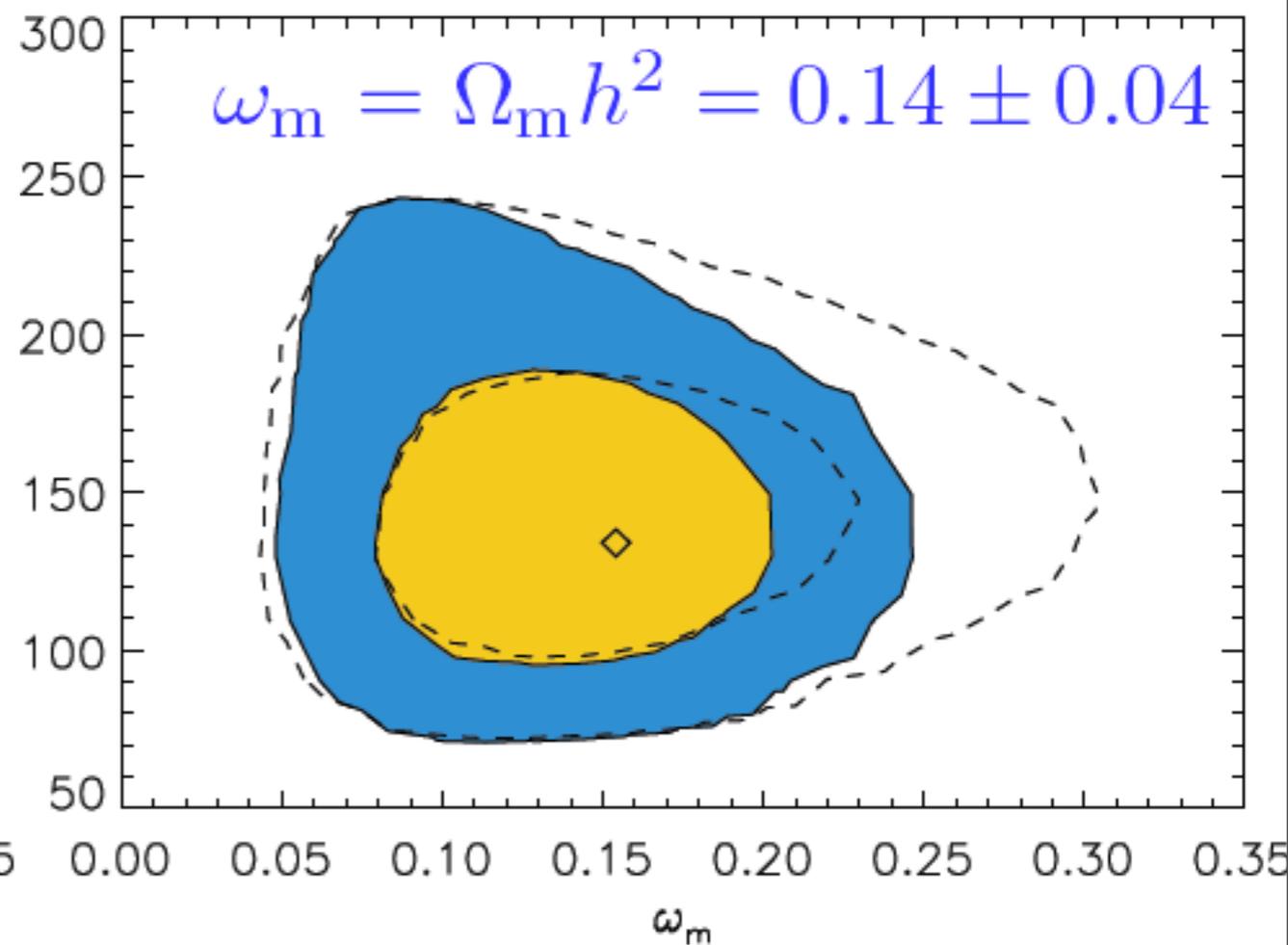
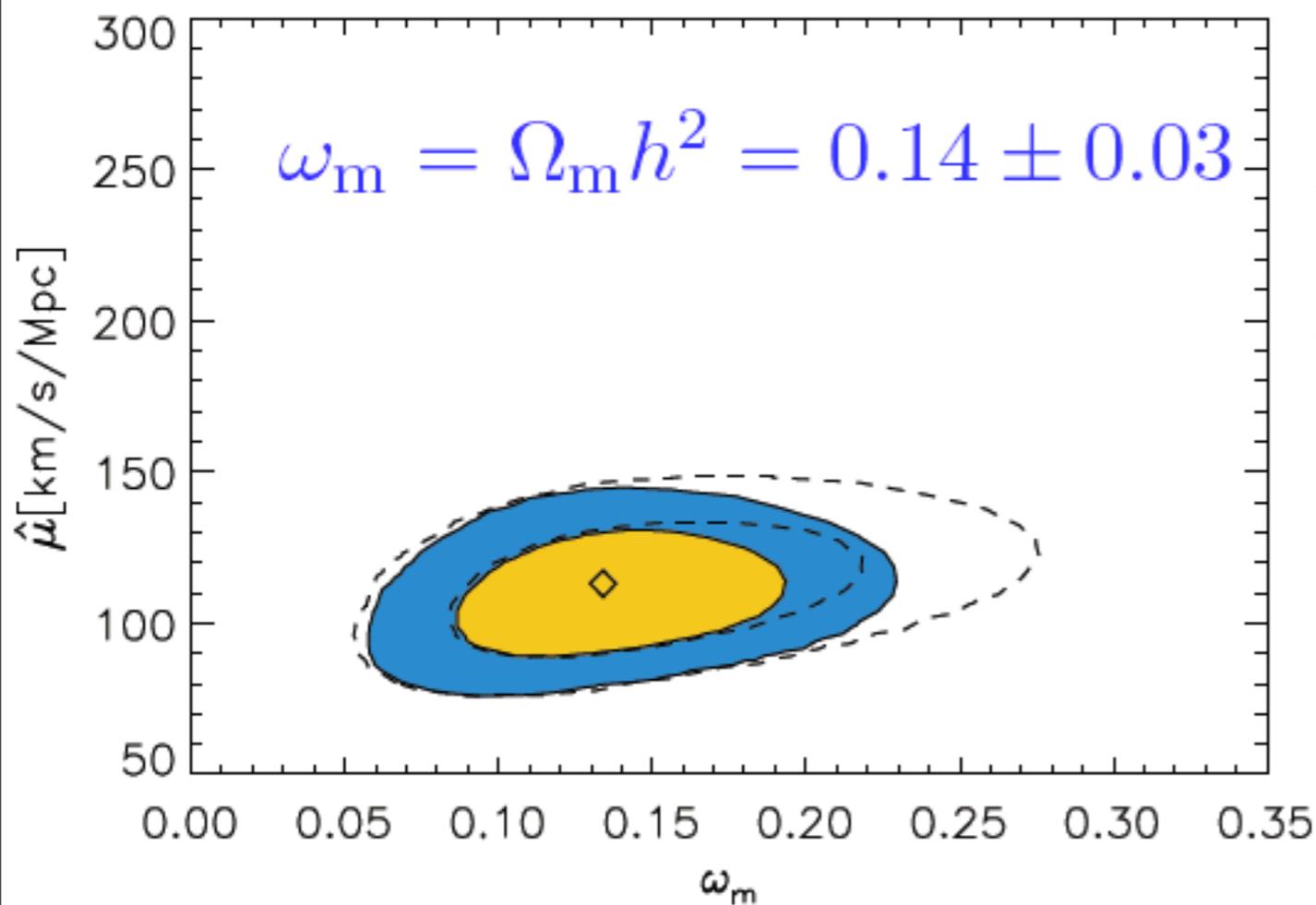


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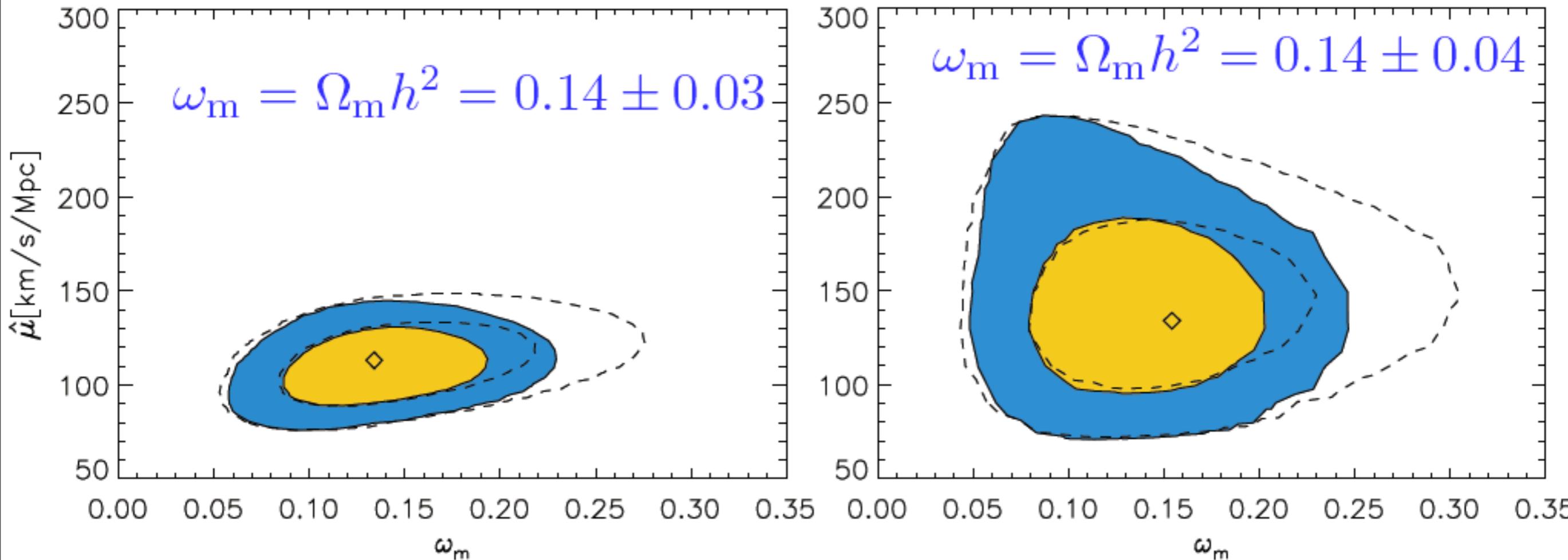
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FINAL REMARKS!

We might be missing something really important in **our** picture of the universe.

Future SN surveys may identify the **new physics** responsible for the current accelerated expansion:

Modifications of Gravity at small curvatures are a possible geometrical explanation and should be considered among the models fitted to the data

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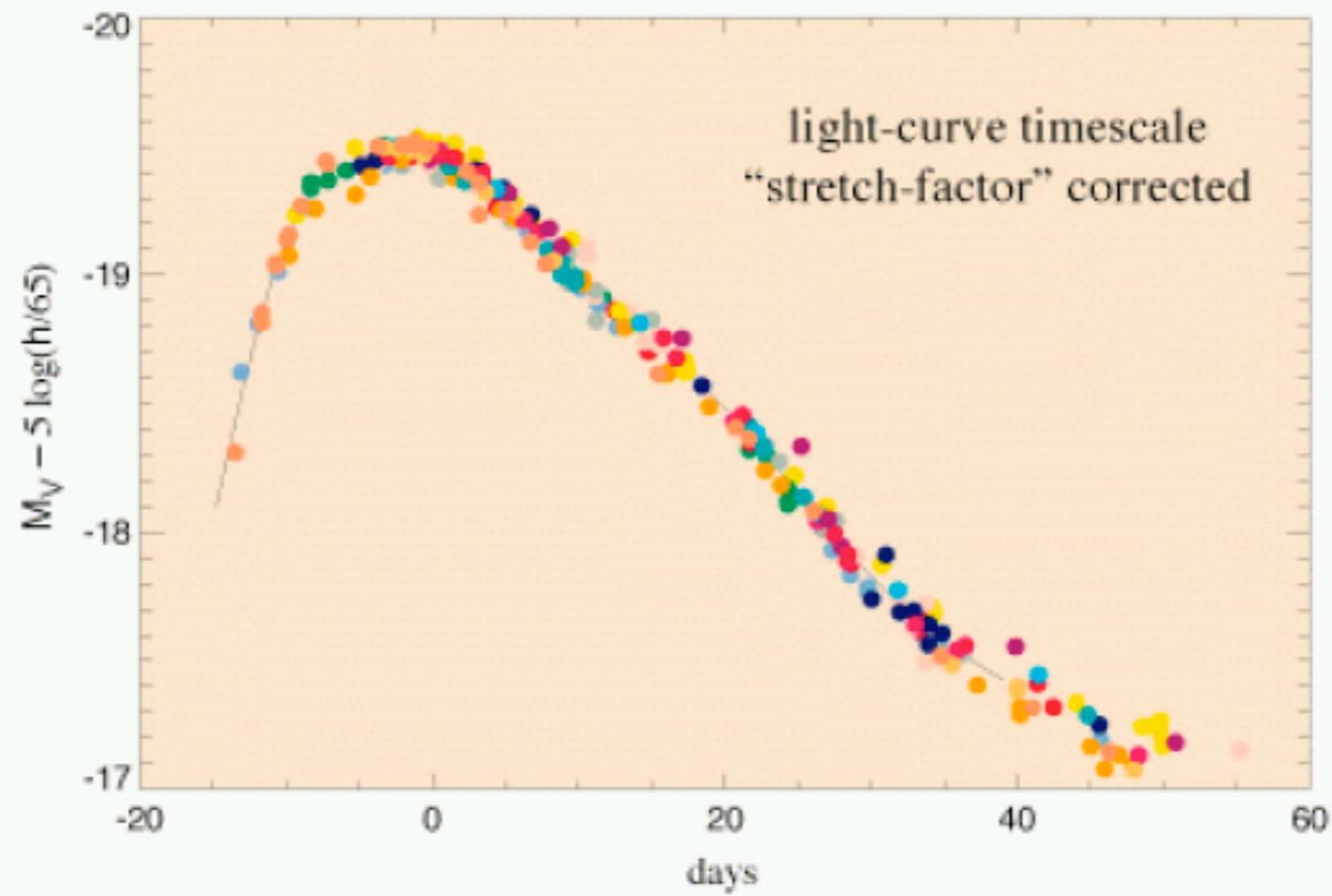
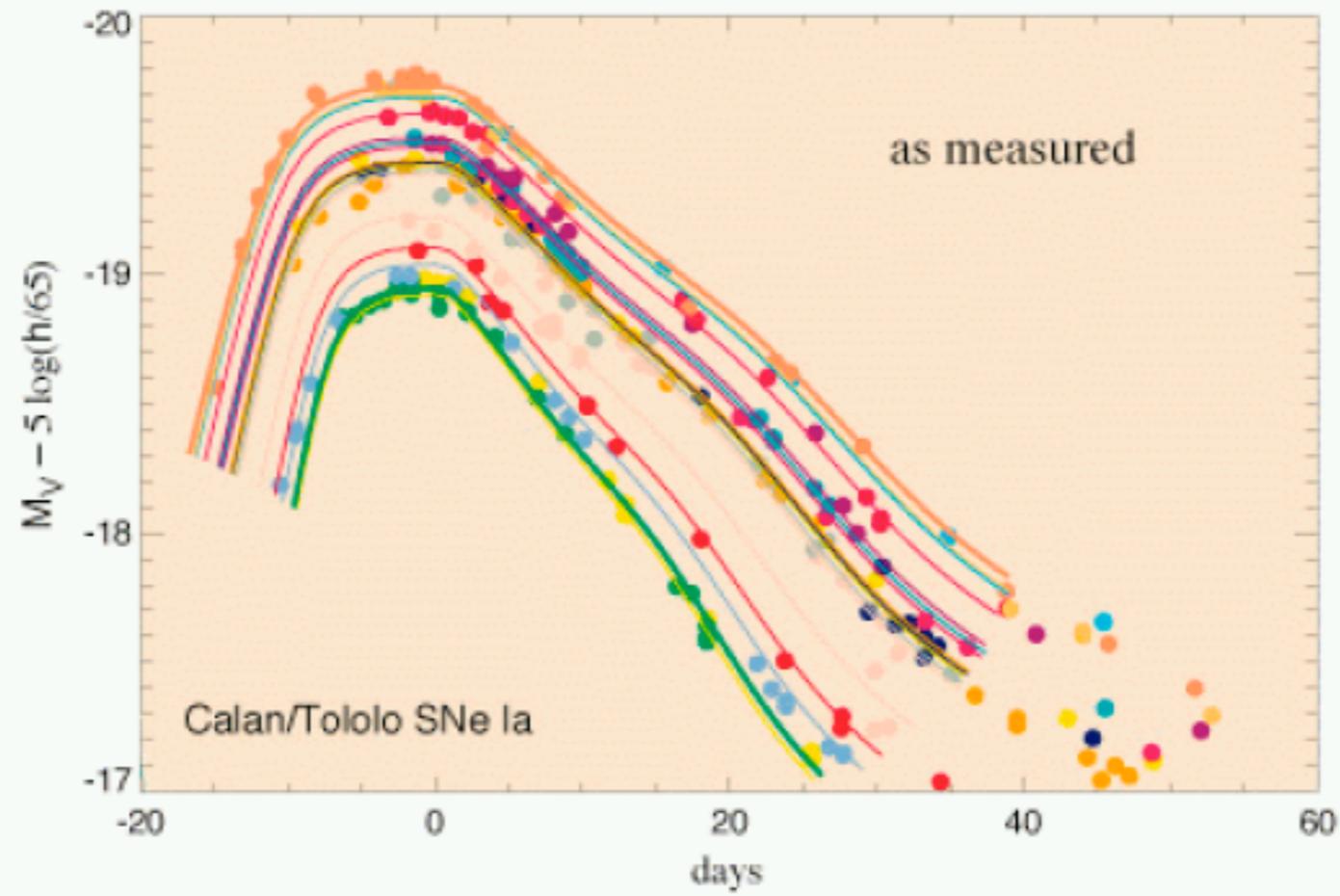


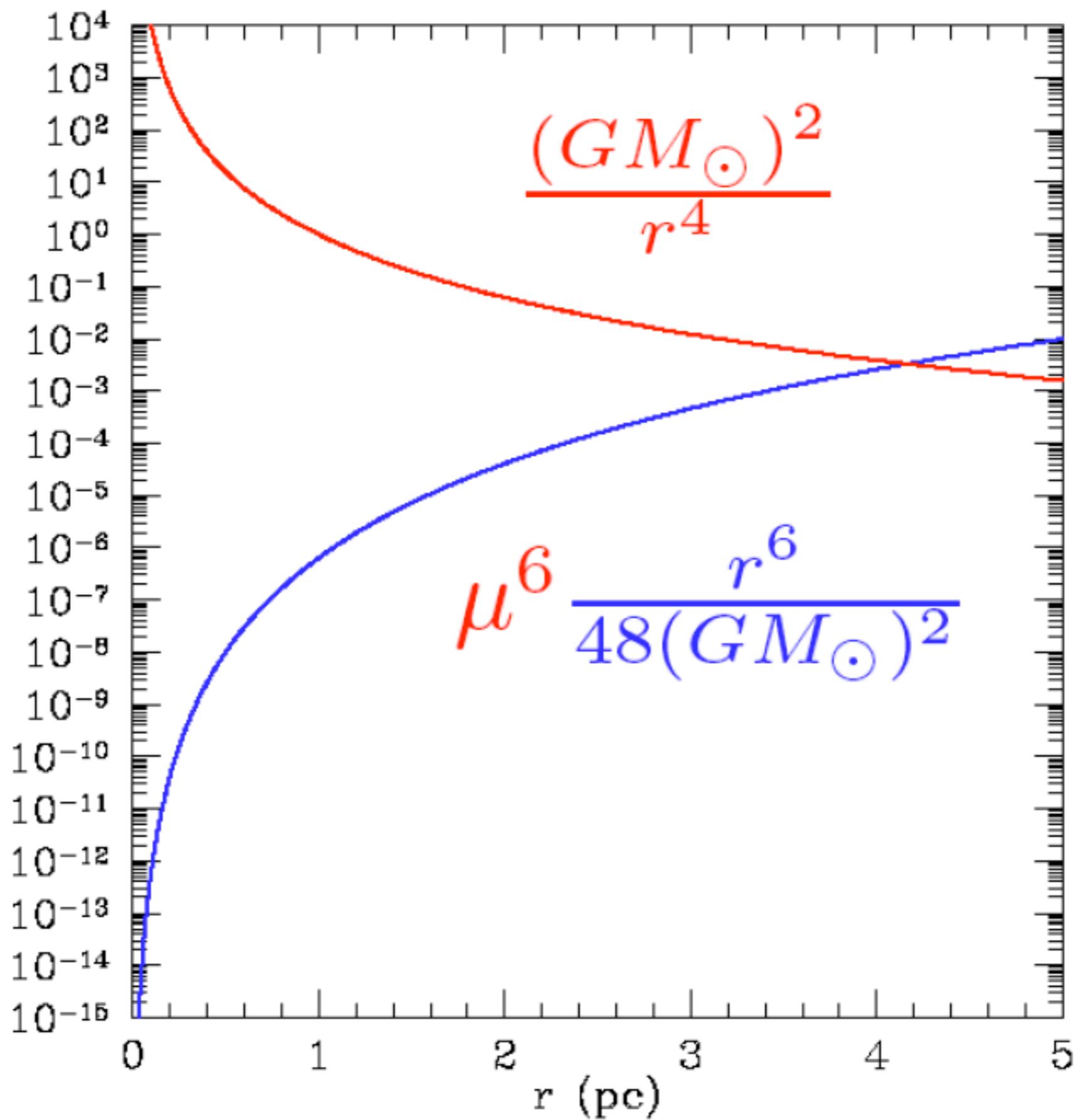
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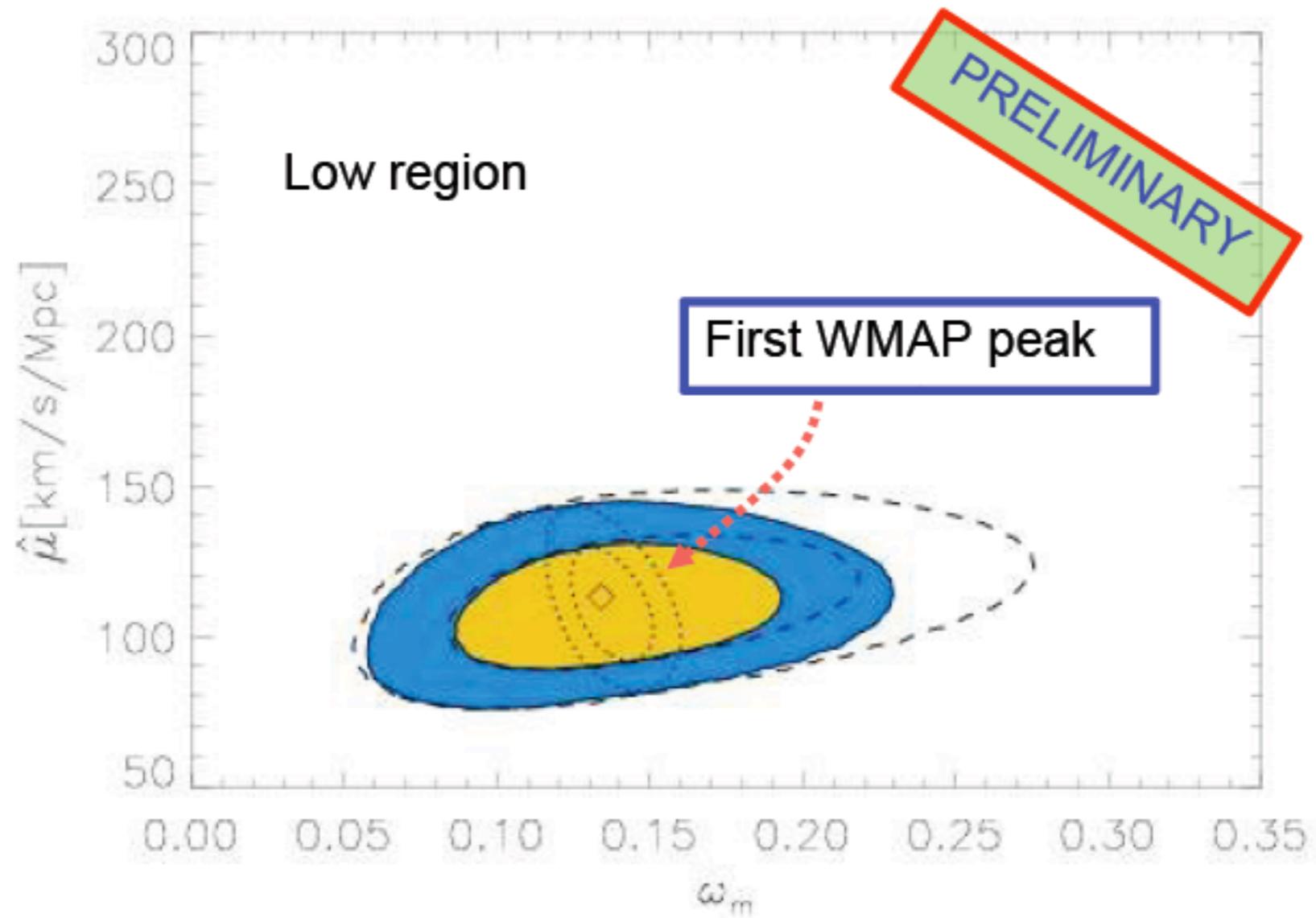


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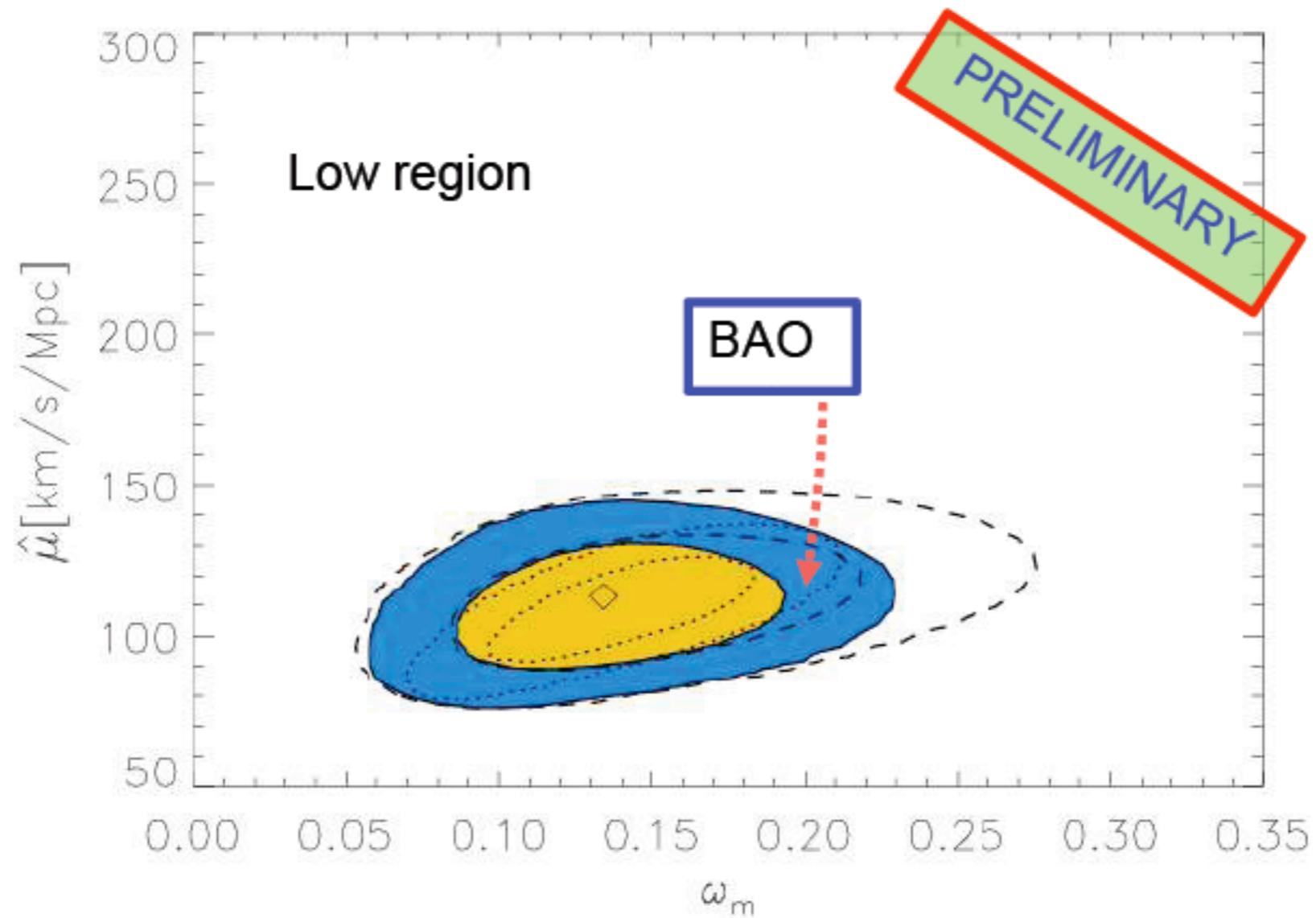


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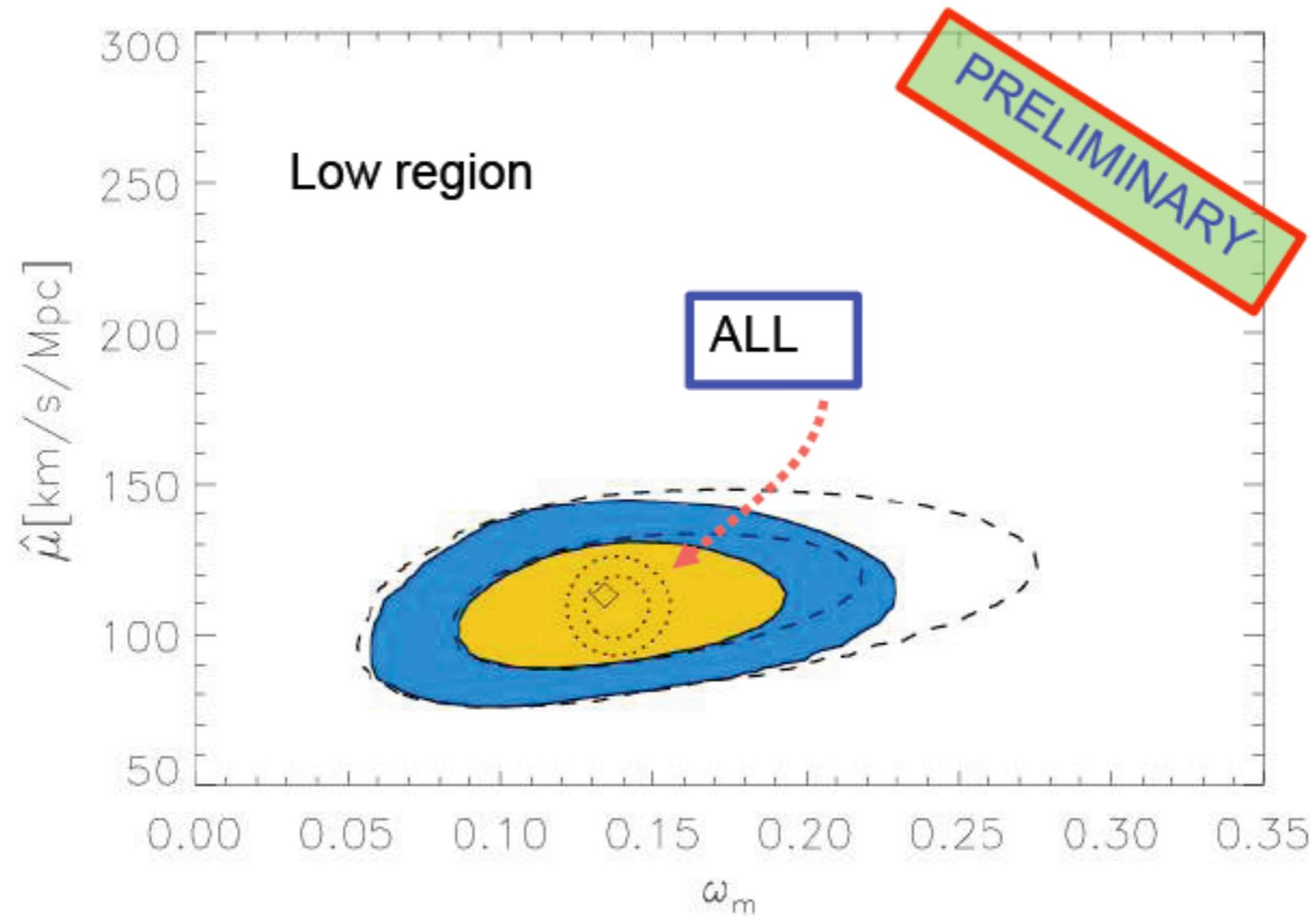
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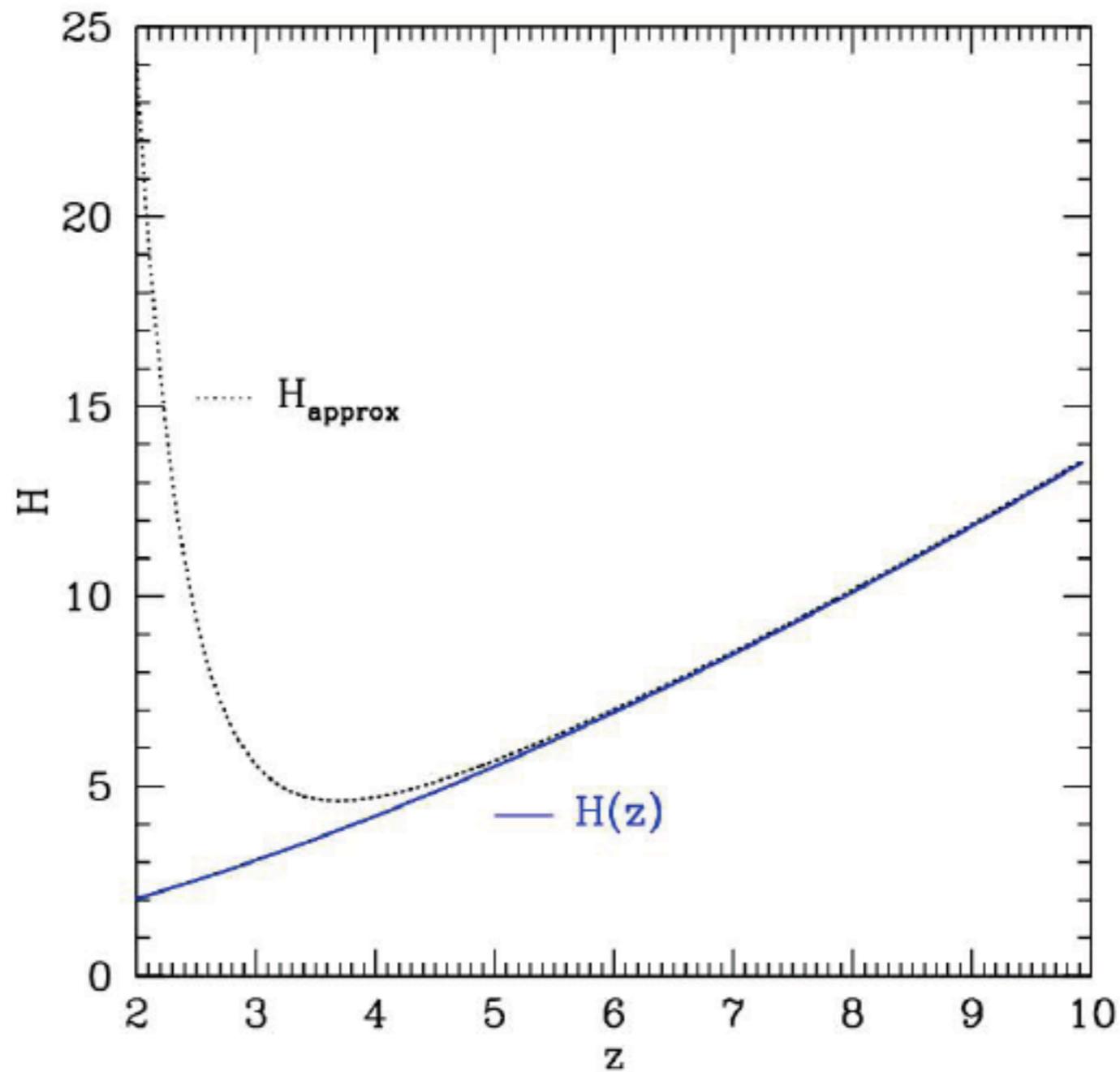
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